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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]  
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6   **SUP. BURKE:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY THE REVEREND ALVIN  
7   TUNSTILL, FROM TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH. THAT'S REVEREND ALVIN  
8   TUNSTILL, JR., FROM TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH FROM THE SECOND  
9   DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY STEPHEN SHERMAN, COMMANDER  
10  AMERICAN LEGION, NUMBER 639, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. REVEREND  
11  TUNSTILL? WILL YOU PLEASE STAND?  
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13 **REVEREND TUNSTILL:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR  
14 THIS DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BUSINESS THAT WILL BE TAKEN  
15 CARE OF TODAY. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD LET JUSTICE AND MERCY  
16 PROVIDE. WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO BE WITH OUR  
17 SUPERVISORS AND WITH ALL OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. WE ASK THAT  
18 YOU WOULD BLESS EACH PERSON IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE  
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BLESS US ALL. KEEP US ALL IN YOUR CARE.  
20 MAKE THIS DAY A GREAT DAY. THIS IS OUR PRAYER, AMEN.  
21

22 **COMMANDER SHERMAN:** WOULD EVERYONE FACE THE FLAG AND SAY THE  
23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE? I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE  
24 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT



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1 STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND  
2 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I HAVE THE PLEASURE PRESENTING THIS  
5 CERTIFICATE TO REVEREND TUNSTILL, WHO WAS BORN IN LOUISVILLE,  
6 KENTUCKY AND IMPACTED BY A STRONG RELIGIOUS FAITH AND  
7 TEACHINGS OF HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER, GRANDFATHER AND FATHER,  
8 WHO WERE ALL BAPTIST MINISTERS AND PASTORS OF CHURCHES IN  
9 TENNESSEE, INDIANA AND KENTUCKY, RESPECTIVELY. REVEREND  
10 TUNSTILL RECEIVED A B.A. DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE  
11 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE IN 1980 AND MASTER'S OF DIVINITY FROM  
12 THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
13 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO DIVINITY SCHOOL IN 1987. HE WAS CALLED  
14 TO BE THE NINTH PASTOR OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1995 AND  
15 PREACHED HIS FIRST SERMON ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1996. HE'S MARRIED  
16 AND HAS THREE SONS. AND WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE HIM BEING  
17 HERE. AND TRINITY'S ALWAYS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR  
18 COMMUNITY AND VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND HE'S MADE SURE  
19 THAT THAT HAS CONTINUED. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IT'S OUR PLEASURE ONCE AGAIN TO  
24 INTRODUCE MR. STEPHEN SHERMAN, WHO IS THE COMMANDER OF DORIE  
25 MILLER, AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 638. HE'S FROM THE SAN





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1 FERNANDO VALLEY. HE SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II AT THE BATTLE  
2 OF THE BULGE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY BETWEEN 1942 AND  
3 1946. HE'S THE RECIPIENT OF THE BRONZE STAR, THE GOOD CONDUCT  
4 MEDAL, AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND THE ASIAN PACIFIC CAMPAIGN  
5 MEDAL, AND THE EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
6 ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS RETIRED  
7 FROM UNITED AIRLINES AND HE'S LIVED IN THE VALLEY FOR 11  
8 YEARS. HE'S A GRADUATE OF AKRON HIGH SCHOOL IN AKRON, COLORADO  
9 AND THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO IN BUTLER COLORADO. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. IF YOU'RE READY, WE'LL START WITH THE  
12 AGENDA. ITEM 1 D.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM, MEMBERS  
15 OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA  
16 FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
17 1 D.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
23 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1 H.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH WITHOUT  
2   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-11. ON ITEM  
5   NUMBER 1, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
6   HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS:  
7   REVISE AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, WHICH  
8   INCORPORATES BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
9   RECOMMENDATION. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM THE MEMBER OF  
10   THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR  
11   BURKE HAS REVISED HER MOTION TO INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
12   PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS ON COUNTY WEBSITES. AND THESE ITEMS ARE  
13   BEFORE YOU WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 1 AND 2.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT  
16   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 12  
19   THROUGH 58. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AS INDICATED ON THE  
20   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
21   SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE  
22   DEPARTMENT.

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24   **SUP. BURKE:** THAT ITEM IS REFERRED BACK.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 21, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM SINCE  
7 IT'S A FOUR-VOTE MATTER. ON ITEM 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 24,  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
10 NUMBER 36, THE DEPARTMENT, OR EXCUSE ME, THE DIRECTOR OF  
11 PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK TO  
12 OCTOBER 16TH, 2007. ON ITEM 36.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** 36 IS CONTINUED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME. I BELIEVE IT'S A TWO-WEEK  
17 REQUEST.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** FOR TWO WEEKS. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 38, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
22 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL HOLD 38.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 43, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
2 WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 43 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 44, 45 AND 46, WE WILL HOLD THESE  
7 ITEMS SINCE THEY ARE FOUR-VOTE MATTERS. AND ON ITEM 49,  
8 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
9 ITEM. AND ON ITEM 57, THE SETTLEMENT IS BEFORE THE BOARD  
10 TODAY, BUT THE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING TO CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE  
11 ACTION TO OCTOBER 30TH, 2007.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ON ITEM 57, CORRECTIVE ACTION IS CONTINUED TO  
14 10/30/07. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE BALANCE OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS  
17 BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 26, SEPARATE MATTERS. AND I'LL READ  
23 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND  
24 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
25 THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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1 DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2001, ELECTION 2007 SERIES  
2 A, IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400 MILLION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY BURKE, WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM 60, WE WILL  
8 HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. ON MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE  
9 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
10 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 61 A.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 61 B, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. 61  
16 C.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT  
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 61 D.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 61 E.

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT  
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 61 F.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KANABE WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SO-- I'M SORRY. MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY  
10 ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON PAGE 28, UNDER NOTICES OF CLOSED  
13 SESSION ON ITEM CS-2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
14 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 9TH, 2007.

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16 **SUP ANTONOVICH:** WAIT, THAT'S CS WHAT?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-2.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, CS2 WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL OCTOBER  
21 9TH, 2007.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
24 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
25 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.



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2   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL DO THE STARS AND THEN WHEN MR. ANTONOVICH,  
3   WHEN MR. YAROSLAVSKY COMES BACK, HE CAN ACTUALLY DO HIS  
4   PRESENTATIONS. WELL IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE OCTOBER  
5   2007 L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY OF WORKFORCE  
6   EXCELLENCE. PLEASE WELCOME THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EMS  
7   AGENCY DISASTER MANAGEMENT SECTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8   HEALTH SERVICES. AFTER 9/11, OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
9   PLANNERS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S  
10   DISASTER RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. THEY ORGANIZED AN ENTIRELY NEW  
11   SECTION OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY TO BETTER PREPARE THE HEALTHCARE  
12   SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY AND  
13   EFFICIENTLY TO DISASTERS. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF KAY  
14   FRUHWIRTH, EMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES  
15   INCLUDE THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT SECTION, THIS DIVISION HAS  
16   BECOME A SEA BED FOR NEW INITIATIVES AND IDEAS TO BETTER EQUIP  
17   THE COUNTY TO RESPOND WHEN NEEDED. THESE INCLUDE A NEW  
18   PARADIGM OF HEALTHCARE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, PIONEERING  
19   ACTIVITIES THAT HEALTH SERVICES HAS NEVER BEEN INVOLVED WITH  
20   BEFORE. THE TEAM MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
21   ARE: AND WOULD EACH ONE OF YOU KIND OF RAISE YOUR HAND OR STEP  
22   FORWARD. [LAUGHTER.] WHEN I READ YOUR NAME. ROEL AMARA? OVER  
23   HERE. CANDY ARISMINDI, NOT HERE. KATHY BAKER?

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25   **KATHY BAKER:** RIGHT HERE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** GERTHA BENSON. OVER THERE. GARY CHAMBERS. SHIAKA  
3 ARCHER. SHE'S NOT HERE. MARY SEALICARLU. SHE'S NOT HERE. JIM  
4 CRABTREE, YOU'RE HERE. JERRY CROWE. LAURA DEBTLER. JIM EADS.  
5 KAY FRUHWIRTH. DOLORES HILL. PEGGY MATTHEWS. FLOYD NEAL. OVER  
6 AT THE END THERE, JOHN OSPITAL. RIGHT HERE. STEVEN ROSALES.  
7 JACKIE RIFFENBURG. DID I PRONOUNCE THAT WRONG? RIFFENBURG,  
8 OKAY. SANDRA SHIELDS. DR. MILLICENT WILSON. DR. RICHARD  
9 ZORASTER. AND DR. JOHN SILINTANO. WELL, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
10 OF YOU. AND I GUESS USUALLY PEOPLE WALK ACROSS THE STAGE, BUT  
11 WE COULDN'T GET EVERYBODY ACROSS THE STAGE. UNFORTUNATELY  
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS LATE COMING AND SO YOU HAVE TO  
13 ACCEPT ME. I'M GOING TO STAND IN THERE AND TAKE A PICTURE  
14 TODAY. OKAY. [LAUGHTER.] CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S GIVE THEM A  
15 BIG HAND. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'RE UP.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'M GOING TO ASK MR. LARRY GENTILE TO JOIN  
20 ME UP HERE. HE WAS SITTING DOWN RELAXING THINKING, YOU KNOW,  
21 JOINED BY HIS LOVELY WIFE. MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM KNOW THAT  
22 LARRY HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
23 SERVICES FOR MORE THAN 28 YEARS. AND NOW HE'S GOING TO BE  
24 RETIRING FROM THAT POSITION. IN THE AREAS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
25 TREATMENT, RECOVERY AND PREVENTION, LARRY IS, IT SAYS HERE, A



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1 LIVING LEGEND. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO BE A "LIVING" LEGEND, OKAY?  
2 THAT'S RIGHT. HE HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS LIFE'S WORK AND  
3 ENERGY TO HELPING OTHERS TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES BY OFFERING  
4 THEM HOPE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECOVERY, WELLNESS, AND MOST  
5 IMPORTANTLY, INDEPENDENCE. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, BEHAVIORAL  
6 HEALTH SERVICES HAS GROWN FROM A SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED  
7 ORGANIZATION WITH JUST TWO PROGRAMS AND LESS THAN A MILLION  
8 DOLLAR BUDGET TO A MAJOR HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATION,  
9 OPERATING NUMEROUS PROGRAMS WITH AN \$18 MILLION BUDGET,  
10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, SENIOR SERVICES, OVER 15,000  
11 CLIENTS A YEAR. SO I JUST WANT TO WISH HIM WELL PERSONALLY,  
12 THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. WE KNOW THAT HE'S NOT  
13 GOING TO LEAVE US. HE'S ALSO MY COMMISSIONER ON NARCOTICS AND  
14 DANGEROUS DRUGS. BUT HE'S BEEN A GOOD FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY  
15 YEARS. SO TO BOTH OF YOU, AS YOU RETIRE, SORT OF, WE SAY THANK  
16 YOU. YOU HAVE MANY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS AND  
17 STAFF OUT THERE. WHY DON'T Y'ALL STAND UP? [APPLAUSE.] WITH  
18 LARRY'S LEADERSHIP AND HARD WORK, MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
19 OUT THERE JUST HAVE BECOME TRULY A RECOGNIZED PROGRAM THAT  
20 REALLY DOES OFFER OPPORTUNITY. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO WISH  
21 YOU WELL BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP  
22 OVER THE MANY, MANY YEARS. [APPLAUSE.]  
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24 **DR. GENTILE:** ...MY AUNT, MARY GARFANO USED TO TAKE CARE OF  
25 MIKE ANTONOVICH MANY YEARS AGO. [LAUGHTER.]





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2 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO WE'LL COME OVER HERE, TOO.

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4 **DR. GENTILE:** I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND  
5 THANK THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. MUCH OF THE WORK WE DO IS ONLY  
6 DONE BECAUSE THE FUNDS THAT WE GET HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THIS  
7 OPERATION BEFORE THEY COME TO US. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK  
8 PAT OGALO WHO IS STANDING OVER HERE WHO WORKS FOR THESE  
9 PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
10 PROGRAMS. AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE. I DON'T INTEND TO RUN  
11 AWAY. I INTEND TO STAY AROUND AND HAVE MY PIECE. I MAY BE HERE  
12 TO SPEAK TO YOU OCCASIONALLY IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT ANY TIES.  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU,  
14 SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THERE ARE FEW REAL PIONEERS. LARRY  
17 GENTILE IS ONE OF THEM WHO HAS REALLY TRANSFORMED THE FACE OF  
18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN THIS COUNTY. AND  
19 THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO OWE THEIR SOBRIETY, WHO OWE  
20 GETTING THEIR LIFE BACK TOGETHER, TO HIS PIONEERING WORK, TO  
21 HIS COMMITMENT AND TO THE WONDERFUL STAFF THAT HE'S BUILT. SO  
22 WE WISH HIM WELL IN SEMI-RETIREMENT. AND WE KNOW WE'RE GOING  
23 TO CALL ON HIM EVEN MORE NOW AS AN OUTSIDE INDEPENDENT VOICE  
24 AS WE TRY AND DEAL WITH THIS COUNTY'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM:  
25 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, THE HONOREE TODAY IS NOT  
5 WELL, BUT HE'S HOME, BE WATCHING ON TELEVISION, GENE GAFFNEY,  
6 WHO HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB THAT WE'RE HONORING TODAY. BUT  
7 WITH IS DAVE MAYNARD, JACK PAN, AND WILLIAM KELSCO OF THE  
8 LUCKY BALDWIN DISTRICT CHAIRMAN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. ALSO WE  
9 HAVE ALLEN FRANK FROM TROOP 174, ALONG WITH RICHARD SMITH FROM  
10 TROOP 174, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TO HELP CONGRATULATE EUGENE  
11 GAFFNEY, IN RECOGNITION OF 36 HARD YEARS OF WORK SERVING OUR  
12 YOUTH WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. GENE WAS RAISED IN  
13 LINCOLN HEIGHTS WHERE HE ATTENDED LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE  
14 GRADUATED AS CLASS PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, WHILE HE WAS IN SCHOOL,  
15 BOOKS WERE NOT HIS ONLY INTEREST. HE ALSO HAD A DREAM OF  
16 FLYING. AND HIS DREAMS OF FLYING CAME TRUE WHEN HE WAS INVITED  
17 TO FLY IN AN OPEN COCKPIT BIPLANE AT FORBES AIR FIELD, THAT'S  
18 NOW KNOWN TODAY AS LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AS A  
19 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. HE WOULD THEN GO ON TO ATTEND THE  
20 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. AND PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD  
21 WAR II, HE MARRIED HIS SWEETHEART, HELEN, WHO WAS A HOSIERY  
22 AND SHOE MODEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT STORES ALONG THE OLD  
23 BROADWAY WHEN BROADWAY USED TO HAVE A LOT OF BIG DEPARTMENT  
24 STORES THERE. DURING THE WAR, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
25 ARMY AIR CORPS. HE WAS COMMISSIONED AS A BOMBER PILOT AND HE



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1 WAS DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC WHERE HE FLEW THE B-29S  
2 BOMBING MISSIONS OVER JAPAN UNTIL THE WAR'S END. AND THEN  
3 RATHER THAN GETTING DISCHARGED, HE STAYED IN THE ARMY. AND  
4 THEN AS YOU KNOW, THE ARMY AIR FORCE THEN BECAME THE UNITED  
5 STATES AIR FORCE. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, HE FLEW AB-136 ATTACK  
6 TWIN-ENGINE BOMBERS OVER NORTH KOREA. AND WHEN THAT CONFLICT  
7 WAS OVER, HE THEN SETTLED DOWN. WITH HIS OLDER SON EUGENE, JR.  
8 WAS OLD ENOUGH TO JOIN THE BOY SCOUTS BACK IN 1960, GENE  
9 BECAME INVOLVED WITH TROOP 109 AND HE HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS  
10 WITH THAT TROOP, WHICH IS LOCATED IN ARCADIA. WHEN HIS OTHER  
11 SON TIMOTHY WAS OLD ENOUGH TO JOIN SCOUTING, HE THEN BECAME A  
12 MEMBER OF TROOP 103, LOCATED AT HIGHLAND OAKS ELEMENTARY  
13 SCHOOL. AND HE EVENTUALLY BECAME THE SCOUT MASTER OF THAT  
14 TROOP. WHEN THE VIETNAM WAR CONFLICT AROSE, HE WAS STILL IN  
15 THE AIR FORCE AND HE WAS FLYING THE C-130 HERCULES TRANSPORTS  
16 TO SAIGON. HE RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN  
17 1968. AND THEN IN 1970, HE BECAME THE COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUT  
18 SPECIALIST FOR THE COUNCIL. HE ALSO BECAME THE LUCKY BALDWIN  
19 ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN. SO FOR 36 YEARS, HE WAS THE ONE WHO  
20 SUBMITTED ALL OF THE NAMES OF THE YOUNG MEN WHO WERE GOING TO  
21 BECOME EAGLE SCOUTS AND HE PERSONALLY HELD INTERVIEW BOARDS  
22 WITH OVER 1,100 YOUNG MEN FOR THEIR QUALIFICATION. HE HAS TWO  
23 DAUGHTERS AND TWO SONS, NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT  
24 GRANDCHILDREN. AND WE HAVE THIS PROCLAMATION WE WOULD LIKE TO



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1 PRESENT TO HIM AND WISH HIM WELL AS HE IS HOME VIEWING US AS  
2 WE PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SPEAKER:** A COUPLE YEARS AGO, MICHAEL RECEIVED THE SILVER  
5 BEAVER FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL. AND EVERY TIME HE GOES  
6 TO A SCOUTING FUNCTION, HE DISAPPEARS AS SOON AS HE GIVES HIS  
7 SPEECH. SO MY WIFE HAS BEEN HOLDING THAT FOR TWO YEARS FOR  
8 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE POODLE MIX, FRENCHY, WHO  
11 IS FOUR YEARS OLD. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S BEEN PERMED  
12 FOR TODAY. SO THIS IS FRENCHY. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER? I  
13 KNOW THE FIRE STATION WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK TO HAVING A DOG  
14 IN THEIR STATION. I MEAN, IT'S NOT A DALMATIAN, BUT A LITTLE  
15 POODLE? YOU KNOW. ANYWAY, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. OR  
16 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE  
17 FRENCHY, SHE'S POTTY TRAINED, VERY DOCILE, NOT HYPER. BILL,  
18 YOU THINKING FOR BRADBURY, HUH? NEW ADDITION FOR BRADBURY?  
19 HUH? OKAY. HOW ABOUT YOU, GENEVIEVE, DO YOU WANT TO ADOPT  
20 FRENCHY? HUH? OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE BRINGING UP REPRESENTATIVES OF HONDURENOS  
23 UNIDOS IN LOS ANGELES. H.U.L.A. AND THIS IS A DAY WHERE WE'RE  
24 GOING TO DECLARE OCTOBER 3RD AS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
25 HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY, EL DIA DEL HONDURENO. SO WE'RE VERY



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1 PLEASED WE'RE GETTING EVERYONE UP HERE. IN PARTICULAR, WE WANT  
2 TO RECOGNIZE VALENCIO VELASQUEZ, GLORIA SWAZZO, AND SALVADOR  
3 GOMEZ GOCHEZ. OCTOBER THIRD IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS  
4 HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY. HONDURAN-AMERICANS CONTINUE TO MAKE  
5 SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN  
6 AREAS SUCH AS EDUCATION, BUSINESS, LABOR AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.  
7 HONDURENOS-UNIDOS IN LOS ANGELES, IS LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY-  
8 BASED ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS IMMIGRANTS THROUGHOUT THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP  
10 THROUGH MENTORING, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND EMPLOYMENT  
11 REFERRALS. I ENCOURAGE ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS TO  
12 SUPPORT THE RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY, THE RICH CULTURAL  
13 DIVERSITY OF HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY. AND IT'S WITH GREAT  
14 PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO H.U.L.A. AS WE DECLARE  
15 OCTOBER 3RD AS HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF  
16 LOS ANGELES. EL DIA DEL HONDURENO. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD  
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SECOND  
20 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, MISS YVONNE BURKE, TO GRANTED THE EL DIA  
21 DEL HONDURENO, THE HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES. AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO THANKS TO ALL SUPERVISORS.  
23 AND FOR ALL THE JOB THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE  
24 PART OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE VERY, VERY HAPPY  
25 TO LIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND TO OUR COMMUNITY,



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1 WORKING HARD TO MAKE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THE BEST  
2 PLACE TO LIVE AND TO GROW. THANK YOU, MRS. YVONNE BURKE, FOR  
3 GRANTING THE EL DIA DEL HONDURENO. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. AS PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL  
8 AMERICAN FESTIVITY COMMITTEE, COFECA, WHO REPRESENT NICARAGUA,  
9 COSTA RICA, PANAMA, BELIZE, GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, WE WANT TO  
10 CONGRATULATE HONDURAS THIS TIME AS A BROTHER AND SISTER TO GET  
11 THIS SPECIAL DAY. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK TO ALL THE BOARD  
12 OF SUPERVISORS, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THE SUPERVISOR YVONNE B.  
13 BURKE, BECAUSE SHE IS THE ONE WHO BRING THE MOTION TO THE  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND GET THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY. THANK YOU  
15 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT  
18 BECAUSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE CENTER OF MANY, MANY OF THE  
19 CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. MANY PEOPLE FROM THERE AND  
20 PARTICULAR HONDURAS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** IN THE NAME OF ALL HONDURANS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY MRS. YVONNE BURKE, FOR  
24 GRANTING US THE HONDURAN-AMERICAN DAY. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. THANK  
2   YOU. AND I THINK OUR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS HERE NOW.

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4   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IS PHIL HERE?  
5   LET ME CALL PHIL MANGANO UP FIRST, BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE BEEN  
6   KEEPING HIM WAITING. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND LADIES AND  
7   GENTLEMEN, IT'S REALLY A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO WELCOME  
8   BACK TO LOS ANGELES PHILIP F. MANGANO, WHO HAS SERVED WITH  
9   DISTINCTION FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
10   OF THE UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.  
11   APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TO LEAD A BODY COMPRISING  
12   20 CABINET SECRETARIES AND AGENCY HEADS TO DEVELOP A FEDERAL  
13   STRATEGY AND COORDINATE A RESPONSE TO END HOMELESSNESS  
14   THROUGHOUT THE NATION. PHIL HAS LONG DEVOTED HIMSELF TO ENDING  
15   HOMELESSNESS, AND INSPIRED BY THOSE LIKE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
16   WHO RENOUNCED LIVES OF WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE FOR THOSE OF  
17   POVERTY AND SPIRITUAL SERVICE, FORSOOK A LUCRATIVE JOB IN THE  
18   ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY TO SERVE INSTEAD AS A FULL-TIME  
19   VOLUNTEER AT ST. ANTHONY'S BREADLINE IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON. AND  
20   PHIL EVENTUALLY WENT ON TO HELP FOUND THE MASSACHUSETTS  
21   HOUSING AND SHELTER ALLIANCE, FOR WHICH HE SERVED 12 YEARS AS  
22   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. PHIL MANGANO HAS SINGLE MINDEDLY PURSUED A  
23   PERSONAL MISSION TO CAJOLE GOVERNORS, MAYORS, COUNTY  
24   EXECUTIVES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY INTO EMBRACING AND ADOPTING  
25   AS THEIR OWN THE GOAL OF ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE



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1 UNITED STATES, AN ENDEAVOR THAT TO DATE HAS SEEN MORE THAN 300  
2 CITIES AND COUNTIES COMMITTING TO THEIR OWN 10-YEAR PLANS TO  
3 END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. PHIL HAS BEEN APTLY DESCRIBED AS  
4 PERSUASIVELY CHARMING, OPTIMISTIC, DEDICATED, AND PROFOUNDLY  
5 COMPASSIONATE, DISPLAYING A SEAMLESSLY INEXHAUSTIBLE  
6 WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL AND ENGAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE  
7 HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. SHHH! ON THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE WITH  
8 FOCUS, DISCIPLINE AND IMAGINATION, LEADING BY EXAMPLE AND  
9 INSPIRING BY ACCOMPLISHMENT TO SHIFT THE DEBATE FROM MANAGING  
10 THE PROBLEM TO ENDING THE SCOURGE OF HOMELESSNESS. SO THE  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PHIL, WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
12 TODAY TO HIGHLY COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF  
13 THE UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS AND  
14 EXTEND TO YOU SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOUR  
15 PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH BEST WISHES FOR  
16 CONTINUED SUCCESS. PHIL IS HERE THIS WEEK FOR A SERIES OF  
17 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES. FOLKS, IF I COULD ASK YOU IF YOU'RE  
18 GOING TO LEAVE, LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE. SERGEANT, COULD YOU?  
19 IT'S THE PEOPLE IN THE BACK THERE, I THINK. IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
20 HAVE A CONVERSATION, PLEASE DO IT OUTSIDE, THANK YOU. PHIL  
21 HAS-- ALL THE THINGS THAT THE RESOLUTION SAYS ARE OF COURSE  
22 TRUE, BUT THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH. THE FACT OF THE MATTER  
23 IS HE HAS BEEN HERE MORE OFTEN THAN SOME OF OUR OWN STATE  
24 OFFICIALS. HE SHOULD PAY TAXES HERE IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE  
25 AMOUNT OF TIME HE HAS SPENT HERE. HE HAS ALSO, TALK ABOUT HIS



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1    PERSUASIVE POWERS, GOT ME TO VISIT WITH HIM JUST LAST MONTH IN  
2    DENVER, COLORADO. AND HE'S TRYING TO GET ME TO GO TO ONE OTHER  
3    CITY. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT BECAUSE HE IS A MAN OF  
4    ACTION. HE DOESN'T ASK ANYBODY TO DO ANYTHING THAT HE HASN'T  
5    DONE OR WILLING TO DO HIMSELF. AND HIS PASSION, IT'S ONE OF  
6    THE GREAT -- TO BE SOMEWHAT POLITICAL HERE -- I THINK THE BEST  
7    BREATH OF FRESH AIR WE'VE GOTTEN OUT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
8    IN A LONG TIME IS PHIL MANGANO. HE'S ON A MISSION, AS I THINK  
9    YOU CAN TELL BY HIS LIFE STORY. AND HE'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE.  
10    HE'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND EVEN HERE  
11    IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH HAS THE MOST CHALLENGING HOMELESS  
12    PROBLEM IN THE NATION. PHIL, EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD HAS  
13    WORKED WITH YOU AND KNOWS YOU AND WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS  
14    OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. YOU KNOW, WE'VE  
15    STILL GOT PLENTY OF SERVICE AHEAD OF YOU, BUT WE DON'T KNOW  
16    WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
17    MEETING AGAIN, SO WE WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN IT  
18    PRESENTED ITSELF. AND THIS COMES BOTH AS A PROFESSIONAL  
19    COMMENDATION, BUT I THINK I SPEAK FOR EACH OF US SAYING IT'S  
20    ALSO A PERSONAL COMMENDATION FOR THE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS THAT  
21    WE'VE DEVELOPED WITH YOU OVER THESE YEARS AND FOR THE  
22    DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING IN THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS  
23    OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

24

25    **PHILIP MANGANO:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]



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**PHILIP MANGANO:** THANK YOU, SO MUCH, CHAIR YAROSLAVSKY. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT, ACTUALLY, OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SO I ACCEPT THIS AS A FORMER RESIDENT. AND PERHAPS THERE'S A LINGERING SET OF MY GENES THAT ARE STILL HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL. BUT MOSTLY I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THIS BOARD TO REMEDY THE SCOURGE OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'VE BEEN WITH A NUMBER OF THE SUPERVISORS AND TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AND THE THING I MOST WANT TO LEAVE WITH YOU IS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A PARTNER IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE SENT OVER \$300 MILLION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. BUT I THINK EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A PARTNER WHO HAS PARTNERED WITH YOU TO GET THE JOB DONE ON THIS ISSUE. IT WON'T BE SIMPLE BUT INNOVATION AND RESULTS WILL BE THE RESULT OF THE GREAT COMMITMENT THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE. SO IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE SUPERVISOR BURKE, ANTONOVICH AND OF COURSE KNABE. AND I LOOK FORWARD IN THE FUTURE TO WORKING WITH YOU TO AGAIN BRING REMEDY AND RESOLVE TO AN ISSUE THAT I KNOW THAT WORKING TOGETHER EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO GET THE JOB DONE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS COMMENDATION. I FEEL LIKE A CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGAIN. I APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR CHIEF MEDICAL  
2   EXAMINER, DR. LAKSHMANAN [SATHYAVAGISWARAN] TO COME FORWARD.  
3   AND THREE OF HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE, DR.  
4   HIDEO ITABASHI, DR. JOHN ANDREWS, AND DR. STEPHANIE EHRLICH.  
5   ALL RIGHT. THESE GREAT PROFESSIONALS THAT WORK FOR THE COUNTY  
6   CORONER'S OFFICE TOGETHER WROTE AND RECENTLY PUBLISHED THE  
7   COUNTY'S FIRST SCIENTIFIC TEXTBOOK, "FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGY:  
8   A REVIEW OF THE FUNDAMENTALS." THE BOOK IS DEDICATED TO A  
9   FIFTH MEMBER OF THEIR TEAM WHO UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T LIVE TO  
10   SEE THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, HAVING PASSED AWAY IN 2004.  
11   THAT WAS DR. UWAMI TOMAYASU. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORONER  
12   STAFF CONDUCTS MEDICAL/LEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE  
13   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER IS  
14   UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER ARE  
15   RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH.  
16   SOME COMPLEX CASES MAY REQUIRE SPECIALIZED CONSULTATION, SUCH  
17   AS NEUROPATHOLOGY CONSULTATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN ABOUT 15  
18   PERCENT OF THE CASES, FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS EMPLOYED  
19   THE SERVICES OF A TALENTED TEAM OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS,  
20   INCLUDING DR. HIDEO ITABASHI, A WIDELY RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL,  
21   AND PART-TIME CONSULTANT SINCE 1977?

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23   **DR. HIDEO ITABASHI:** YES, SIR.

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SINCE 1977. LATER JOINED BY COLLEAGUES  
2   DR. UWAMI TOMAYASU, DR. JOHN ANDREWS AND DR. STEPHANIE  
3   EHRlich. DRS. ITABASHI, ANDREWS, TOMAYASU, AND EHRlich  
4   PROPOSED TO COLLABORATE ON A TEXTBOOK DESIGNED AS A PRACTICAL  
5   GUIDE TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CONSULTING NEUROPATHOLOGISTS ON  
6   FORENSIC ASPECTS OF NEUROPATHOLOGY. ENLISTING CHIEF MEDICAL  
7   EXAMINER AND CORONER, DR. LAKSHMANAN, I WON'T BOTHER THE LAST  
8   NAME, DOC, TO ASSIST ITS DEVELOPMENT. "FORENSIC  
9   NEUROPATHOLOGY: A REVIEW OF THE FUNDAMENTALS", THE BOOK, A  
10   RECENTLY PUBLISHED PRODUCT OF THEIR LABORS AND THE FIRST  
11   SCIENTIFIC TEXTBOOK PUBLICATION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
12   DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DR. TOMAYASU, WHO PASSED AWAY, AS I  
13   SAID EARLIER, IN 2004 DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE BOOK. THE  
14   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR  
15   THESE GREAT PROFESSIONALS. I HEREBY COMMEND THEM FOR THE  
16   ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE  
17   PUBLICATION OF THEIR BOOK, "FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGY: A REVIEW  
18   OF THE FUNDAMENTALS" WITH BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS  
19   AND SATISFACTION IN ALL OF THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. AND LET ME  
20   PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU, DR. LAKSHMANAN. WHY DON'T  
21   YOU ALL GET IN THE PHOTO HERE. AND I'LL PRESENT YOU EACH WITH  
22   YOUR CERTIFICATES. LET ME, DR. LAKSHMANAN, ALSO PRESENT YOU  
23   WITH THIS CERTIFICATE. AND STEPHANIE EHRlich, DR. STEPHANIE  
24   EHRlich?

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** IS THE CHAIR GOING TO GIVE US A SUMMARY OF THE  
2   BOOK?

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4   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I'VE BEEN READING IT. I'VE BEEN  
5   ALTERNATING BETWEEN THAT BOOK AND ADVANCED TRIGONOMETRY.  
6   [LAUGHTER.] I'VE BEEN SLEEPING VERY WELL AT NIGHT. DR. JOHN  
7   ANDREWS. AND DR. HIDEO ITABASHI. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD,  
8   DOC?

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10   **DR. SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK MY CONSULTANTS,  
11   DR. ITABASHI, DR. ANDREWS, DR. EHRLICH, AND OF COURSE, DR.  
12   TOMAYASU, WHO'S UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY, FOR ALL THE YEARS  
13   OF KNOWLEDGE THESE UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS HAVE AND SHARE THEM  
14   GENEROUSLY WITH OUR STAFF AND NOW HAVE MANAGED TO COMPLETE A  
15   BOOK FOR US. AND IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO BE WORKING WITH THEM.  
16   I'LL BE REMISS IF I DON'T THANK OUR DEPARTMENT OF CORONER  
17   STAFF, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOOK. AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
18   CORONER'S OFFICE, MR. HERNANDEZ, MISS AHONIMA, MR. MOTO, MR.  
19   CRAIG HARVEY, SYLVIA GONZALES, AND DR. ROGERS, WHO HELPED US  
20   WITH THE BOOK. I'LL ALSO BE REMISS IF I DON'T THANK COUNTY  
21   COUNSEL'S ELAINE BROWN, MR. TOWNSEND, MR. ROB RAGLAND UNDER  
22   THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. FORTNER, WHO NEGOTIATED THE PUBLICATION  
23   OF THE BOOK WITH THE PUBLISHER. AND OF COURSE THE CEO, THE CEO  
24   JANSSEN, CEO FUJIOKA, DEPUTY CHIEF MISS HARPER, AND OF COURSE,  
25   THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR



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1 DEPARTMENT, AUGMENTING OUR BUDGET. BECAUSE WE DO A LOT OF  
2 SERVICE WORK. AND TO BE ABLE TO DO SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY, WE NEED  
3 GOOD STAFFING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE THE BEST. AND I WANT TO THANK  
4 ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. THANK  
5 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] HERE'S THE BOOK. IT'S AVAILABLE ON  
6 THE INTERNET. AND I WON'T TELL YOU THE PRICE.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S YOUR BRAIN, DON. IT'S A...

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A WORK OF ART.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A WORK OF ART. YEAH, LOOKS GOOD.  
13 THANK YOU. YEAH, READING THAT AND THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT  
14 BUDGET IS THE YING AND THE YANG THERE. OKAY. THANK YOU ALL.  
15 CONGRATULATIONS FOR THIS GREAT PIECE OF SCHOLARLY WORK. NEXT?  
16 LET ME CALL ON RICKY LEWIS. CAPTAIN RICKY LEWIS OF THE CENTRAL  
17 REGION OF THE CARSON OFFICE HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS A  
18 MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 15 YEARS.  
19 RISING THROUGH THE RANKS FROM FIREFIGHTER TO FIREFIGHTER  
20 SPECIALIST, FIRE INSPECTOR AND HIS CURRENT POSITION AS FIRE  
21 CAPTAIN. CAPTAIN RICKY LEWIS REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE FIRE  
22 MARSHAL AND THE EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING  
23 CODE-RELATED ISSUES AND ENFORCEMENT. HE CURRENTLY CHAIRS THE  
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
25 COMMITTEE AND SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE



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1 PREVENTION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL CODE CONCIL  
2 FIRE CODE COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION,  
3 AND THE CAL FIRE, STATE URBAN WILDLAND INTERFACE CODE  
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CAPTAIN RICKY LEWIS IS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
5 THE STENTORIANS, A FIREFIGHTER'S ORGANIZATION AND THE  
6 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS.  
7 AND SERVES AS A VOLUNTEER RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE  
8 COORDINATOR, A MENTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT, THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
10 PARTNERSHIP BOARD CHAIR. AND EACH YEAR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT BESTOWS THE PERPETUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD OF  
12 EXCELLENCE ON A DESERVING MEMBER OF THE COUNTY'S FIRE FIGHTING  
13 FAMILY WHO HAS PERFORMED OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIRE  
14 PREVENTION FIELD AND DEMONSTRATED EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY  
15 INVOLVEMENT. AND HAS SEEN FIT THIS YEAR TO SO RECOGNIZE  
16 CAPTAIN RICKY LEWIS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR. THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, RICKY, TO HIGHLY  
18 COMMEND YOU, AS THE 2007 RECIPIENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S  
19 PERPETUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, AND EXTEND TO  
20 YOU OUR THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY AND TO FIRE PREVENTION. IT'S SIGNED BY ALL FIVE  
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. MANY MORE YEARS  
24 OF SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE REST OF THE STAFF PLEASE COME UP, FIRE  
2 PREVENTION?

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME, BEFORE WE ASK RICKY TO SAY A  
5 WORD, LET ME ASK CHIEF LOCKHART, SPEAKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT,  
6 TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS.

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8 **CHIEF LOCKHART:** ON BEHALF OF CHIEF FREEMAN AND ALL THE MEMBERS  
9 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN LEWIS THIS MORNING.  
11 THIS IS QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT. THE PERPETUAL AWARD FOR  
12 EXCELLENCE IN FIRE PREVENTION IS VERY PRESTIGIOUS. WE KNOW  
13 THAT CAPTAIN LEWIS HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL BOTH AT THE LOCAL,  
14 STATE AND AT THE NATIONAL LEVELS IN DEVELOPMENT OF CODE,  
15 INTERPRETATION OF CODE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT. HE'S WELL  
16 DESERVING OF THIS AWARD AND WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME INTRODUCE THE HONOREE, CAPTAIN  
19 RICKY LEWIS.

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21 **CAPTAIN RICKY LEWIS:** TO THE HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD  
22 MEMBERS, CHIEF LOCKHART, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, AND EXECUTIVE  
23 STAFF, I AM HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD AND BE THE RECIPIENT  
24 FOR THIS YEAR'S RECOGNITION OF THIS EXCELLENT AWARD. I  
25 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BE STANDING UP HERE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR



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1 ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT AND WORK OF NOT ONLY MY FIREFIGHTER  
2 FAMILY BUT MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY. AND I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY  
3 IMMEDIATE FAMILY. MY SISTER, MILDRED LEWIS, RETIRED LAUSD. MY  
4 BROTHER, VERN THOMPSON, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY BROTHER  
5 TONY LEWIS, FIRE CAPTAIN, L.A. COUNTY. MY SISTER-IN-LAW, KIM  
6 LEWIS. AND MY BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER RACHEL NICOLE. I HAVE SOME  
7 FAMILY THAT'S NOT HERE, BUT TO ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, YOU  
8 KNOW MY LOVE GOES OUT TO YOU. TO MY FIREFIGHTER FAMILY: CHIEF  
9 POSTER, DEPUTY CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF MARK NELSON, PREVENTION  
10 STAFF, MY PERSONAL STAFF, AND ALL THOSE IN FIRE PREVENTION, I  
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.  
12 WITHOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING UP HERE. AND I WANT TO  
13 PERSONALLY MAKE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO SUPERVISOR BURKE.  
14 SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'VE ADMIRERD YOU FOR YEARS. YOUR GRACE, YOUR  
15 DIGNITY, YOUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. I JUST WANT  
16 TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT AND ALL THE YEARS  
17 AND SERVICE THAT YOU GAVE TO THE SECOND DISTRICT. THANK YOU  
18 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD ASK KATHY STAPLETON TO COME  
23 FORWARD? SHE'S THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE SHERIFF'S  
24 COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM. AND I BELIEVE  
25 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY RUFINO. WHILE THEY'RE



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1 COMING UP, LET ME BEGIN READING THIS. THIS IS A PROCLAMATION  
2 OF "CRIME PREVENTION MONTH", OCTOBER 2007. THE VITALITY OF OUR  
3 COUNTY DEPENDS ON HOW SAFE WE KEEP OUR HOMES AND OUR  
4 NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, AND COMMUNITIES; AND CRIME  
5 AND THE FEAR OF CRIME DESTROY OUR TRUST IN OTHERS AND IN  
6 INSTITUTIONS, THREATENING COMMUNITY'S HEALTH, PROSPERITY AND  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE. THE PERSONAL INJURY, FINANCIAL LOSS AND  
8 COMMUNITY DETERIORATION RESULTING FROM CRIME ARE INTOLERABLE  
9 AND REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT FROM THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. BUT CRIME  
10 PREVENTION INITIATIVES MUST GO BEYOND SELF-PROTECTION AND  
11 SECURITY TO PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AIMED AT MAKING  
12 NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER BY DEVELOPING POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL AND  
13 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ESPECIALLY.  
14 EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS EXCEL BECAUSE OF  
15 PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL  
16 AGENCIES, CIVIC GROUPS, SCHOOLS, FAITH COMMUNITIES,  
17 BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS AS THEY HELP NURTURE COMMUNAL  
18 RESPONSIBILITY AND INSTILL A SENSE OF PRIDE AND COLLECTIVE  
19 OWNERSHIP. ALSO DEMANDING THAT ADULTS INVEST THE TIME,  
20 RESOURCES AND POLICY SUPPORT AND EFFECTIVE PREVENTION AND  
21 INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH AND HELP ENLIST TEENS IN THE  
22 EFFORT TO DRIVE CRIME FROM THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. PEOPLE OF  
23 ALL AGES MUST BE MADE AWARE OF WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PROTECT  
24 THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS AND COWORKERS AGAINST  
25 THE RAVAGES OF DRUGS, VIOLENCE AND OTHER CRIMES. THE BOARD OF





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1 SUPERVISORS WANTS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROCLAIM THAT  
2 OCTOBER 2007 BE PROCLAIMED AS "CRIME PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE  
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
4 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES ARE URGED TO  
5 INVEST IN THE POWER OF PREVENTION AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE  
6 COMMON GOOD. IT'S AGAIN, SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD. AND, KATHY, I WANT TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND TO DEPUTY  
8 RUFINO. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, BOTH. I THINK THAT'S THE LAST  
9 PRESENTATION. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. LET ME JUST TAKE THIS  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JON LAURITZEN,  
11 FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD, ALL  
12 MEMBERS, REPRESENTED THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FOR A NUMBER OF  
13 YEARS, JUST RECENTLY LEFT THE BOARD, WHAT? IN JULY, I BELIEVE.  
14 YEAH. IN JULY. HE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM BRAIN CANCER AND  
15 FINALLY SUCCUMBED AFTER A VERY VALIANT BATTLE AGAINST THAT  
16 DISEASE. HE WAS A VERY SERIOUS, DILIGENT MEMBER OF THAT BOARD.  
17 MY OFFICE AND I PERSONALLY WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM ON A WHOLE  
18 HOST OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL ISSUES IN THE WESTERN PART OF  
19 THE VALLEY. AND OUR BEST GOES OUT TO HIS FAMILY. AND I WILL  
20 GET ALL THE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD SECRETARY. ALL MEMBERS.  
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE. I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS  
22 SPECIAL --

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS YOU KNOW, ON THE GREEN SHEET I  
25 ASKED FOR A SET ITEM. AND WE HAVE SHERIFF BACA HERE. I'D LIKE



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1 TO CALL HIM FORWARD. I KNOW THIS IS A RATHER UNUSUAL  
2 SITUATION, IN A SENSE. USUALLY WE ASK THE SHERIFF HERE TO HELP  
3 US SUPPORT SOMETHING. THIS IN FACT WAS SUPPORTED AND SIGNED  
4 INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. AND THAT'S S.B.959. AND  
5 THE REAL PURPOSE BEHIND THIS TODAY IS JUST TO GET THE WORD OUT  
6 TO THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS TO THE BAD GUYS, THAT LAW BREAKERS  
7 ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE ANYMORE. AND SO I  
8 WANTED TO HAVE THE SHERIFF SORT OF GIVE US THE LAY OF THE LAND  
9 AS IT RELATES TO S.B.959 AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IT, HOW IT  
10 IMPROVES YOUR ABILITY TO HAVE PEOPLE SPEND MORE OF THEIR  
11 SENTENCES VERSUS A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF TIME. SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
12 PROCEED, SHERIFF. THANK YOU FOR COMING, TOO.

13

14 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I'LL BE BRIEF. THE  
15 BENEFIT OF HAVING ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS THAT OUR COUNTY  
16 WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP PRISONERS IN JAIL LONGER, THOSE THAT ARE  
17 THE MORE SERIOUS OFFENDERS, AND WE CAN GET THIS SENTENCE  
18 PERCENT UP TO 70 PERCENT FOR THOSE THAT REMAIN. WE ALSO  
19 BELIEVE THAT 100 PERCENT SENTENCING WILL BE MORE AFFORDED TO  
20 THOSE WHO DESERVE 100 PERCENT SENTENCING. THE PROGRAM FOR THAT  
21 WOULD BE ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS SUCH WHERE THE  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE THE LOWER TYPE OFFENDERS, THE ONES THAT  
23 ARE NOT IMMINENTLY A THREAT TO LIFE AND TO PEOPLE'S PROPERTY  
24 AND THE LIKE, WOULD BE MOST ELIGIBLE FOR THIS. AND BY DOING  
25 THAT, WE RIGHT NOW, IN THE SYSTEM, HAVE 1,000, CLOSE TO 1,000,



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1 1100, ON AVERAGE, INMATES IN CUSTODY THAT ARE THESE LOW RISK  
2 PEOPLE. AND WE THINK WITHIN THAT CATEGORY, A COUPLE HUNDRED  
3 WOULD BE ABLE TO BE PUT OUT ON THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING  
4 PROGRAM. THE COST UNDOUBTEDLY IS MUCH LESS. IT CAN RANGE FROM  
5 \$7 TO AS HIGH AS \$20 A DAY DEPENDING ON THE GPS ASPECT OF THE  
6 PROGRAM. TODAY, WE DO HAVE ABOUT 350 PEOPLE THROUGH THE  
7 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION ON A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM  
8 WHERE THE ACTUAL INMATE PAYS FOR THE SERVICE. AND SO IN  
9 LOOKING AT THE CAPACITY TO GROW OUR BED SPACE, WHICH IS ONE OF  
10 THE MORE IMPORTANT REALITIES OF OUR JAIL OVER CROWDEDNESS, IS  
11 THAT THIS WOULD GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PEOPLE UNDER  
12 SOME FORM OF MONITORING AND CONTROL AND THE CAPACITY OF  
13 OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE ABOUT 2,000 INMATES UNDER THE ELECTRONIC  
14 MONITORING PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW, THOSE IN CUSTODY THAT ARE GIVEN  
15 PROGRAMS, MEANING ABOUT 2,900 INMATES HAVE PROGRAMS THAT WE  
16 PROVIDE THEM, THAT WE'RE ONLY ABLE TO FUNCTION AT ABOUT A 30  
17 PERCENT OPPORTUNITY OF TIME FOR THOSE PEOPLE. SO WE'RE REALLY  
18 COMPACTED IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR SYSTEM. AND ELECTRONIC  
19 MONITORING WOULD GIVE US AN ABILITY TO GIVE MORE PROGRAM TIME  
20 TO THOSE INMATES WHO CAN LEARN NEW SKILLS, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
21 TO GET OUT AND HOPEFULLY GET A JOB AND NOT COME BACK TO JAIL.  
22 THERE'S A LOT OF DATA THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE DOCUMENT I GAVE  
23 YOU. IT SHOWS ALL OF THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF INMATES THAT  
24 ARE IN THE SYSTEM IN THE MOST CATEGORICAL CONTEXT, MEN, WOMEN,  
25 VARIOUS FACILITIES. AND EVEN THE PROGRAM ACTIVITY, AS WELL. SO



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1 I JUST THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT'S UNPRECEDENTED. OUR  
2 CURRENT SYSTEM IS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS ALL  
3 MONITORING INMATES, THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MONITORING SYSTEMS.  
4 THAT'S ADMINISTRATIVELY COSTLY. IF WE GO TO THIS NEW SYSTEM,  
5 AND I BELIEVE WE WILL, WE'LL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE  
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO BE A PLAYER IN THIS ACTION. BUT IT  
7 COULD RESULT IN MORE IMMEDIATE DECISION MAKING RATHER THAN  
8 GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF INMATE INTERVIEWS AND GOING  
9 THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN PAY  
10 FOR IT AND THAT SORT OF THING. SO, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
11 THE SUM OF IT ALL, UNDOUBTEDLY IT'LL COST THE COUNTY SOME  
12 MONEY TO DO THIS, BUT IT CERTAINLY IS A LOT LESS THAN  
13 INCARCERATION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AND PLUS, IS IT NOT TRUE THAT OBVIOUSLY, I  
16 THINK THIS PUTS IT BACK IN THE HANDS OF YOU AND THE SHERIFF  
17 AND THE JUDGES, VERSUS THE PRISONER HAVING THE RIGHT TO, YOU  
18 KNOW, SAY, WHY WOULD I GO ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING WHEN I CAN  
19 GET OUT OF HERE IN TWO DAYS? NOW WITH THIS PIECE OF  
20 LEGISLATION, IT ALLOWS US TO DO THAT. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT --  
21 WILL YOU HAVE THE ABILITY, LET'S SAY, THAT SOMEBODY DOES HAVE  
22 A JAIL BED, IS IN JAIL, BUT NOT A SERIOUS THREAT, AND YET,  
23 THEN YOU GET SOMEBODY BAD COMING TO JAIL, CAN YOU RELEASE THAT  
24 PERSON AND PUT THEM ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING? WILL YOU HAVE  
25 THE ABILITY? IS THERE SOME --



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. YES, THE EXCELLENT EXAMPLE THAT YOU  
3 JUST GAVE. THE BAD PERSON GAVE IN. YOU DON'T WANT TO  
4 COMPROMISE ANY ASPECT OF THEIR SENTENCE. WHAT YOU WANT IS, YOU  
5 WANT TO HOLD ONTO THAT PERSON. THAT INDIVIDUAL WOULD TAKE THAT  
6 BED OF THE LOW RISK PERSON. THE LOW RISK PERSON COULD BE PUT  
7 IN ELECTRONIC MONITORING. AND IT'S A PERFECT SEGUE FROM  
8 PRIORITIZING THOSE THAT NEED INCARCERATION THE MOST.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE JUST IN THE FIRST  
11 STAGE OF THIS, MAYBE GET QUARTERLY REPORTS BACK FROM THE  
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE IMPACT, THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF  
13 THIS ELECTRONIC MONITORING TO SEE --

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, AND THE POTENTIAL IS PRETTY  
16 SIGNIFICANT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS WORKING ON AN ORDINANCE THAT  
17 WOULD ALLOW FOR CIVIL COURTS TO ENGAGE OFFENDERS AND THEIR  
18 PARENTS AND HOLD THEM MORE ACCOUNTABLE. AND ANOTHER COMPONENT  
19 OF THIS IS THAT IF A GANG BANGER, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO THE  
20 COUNTY JAIL FOR, LET'S SAY, SIX MONTHS, THAT INDIVIDUAL, EVEN  
21 IF THEY WERE TO HAVE SERVED FOUR OR FIVE OF THAT SIX MONTHS,  
22 YOU CAN ACTUALLY HOLD THEM ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING WHEN THEY  
23 GET OUT ON THE STREET. AND THE GPS FEATURE WOULD CONTROL IF  
24 THE COURT ORDERS THEM TO BE RESTRICTED TO THEIR HOMES OR NOT  
25 ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER GANG MEMBERS, THEN THAT ELECTRONIC



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1 MONITORING SYSTEM WITH THE GPS COMPONENT WOULD CONTROL GANG  
2 MEMBERS IN A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I JUST THINK  
5 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC GETS THE WORD ON THE FACT THIS  
6 WAS SIGNED AND IT OFFERS US A MORE AFFORDABLE OPPORTUNITY. I  
7 DID HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. IS THERE ANYTHING--

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IS COUNTY COUNSEL HERE?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THERE ANYTHING UNDER S.B.959 THAT REQUIRES THIS  
12 BOARD TO TAKE AN ACTION TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF ANY  
13 IMPLEMENTATION? OR CAN THE LEGISLATION WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT  
14 SO HE CAN IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT?

15

16 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I NEED  
17 TO LOOK AT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE BILL. WHETHER IT WAS  
18 LOCAL, IT WAS LOCAL OPTION AT ONE POINT, I BELIEVE. AND I  
19 SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT. AND I DON'T HAVE IT HERE IN FRONT OF  
20 ME. I APOLOGIZE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT RIGHT AWAY, THEN. I  
23 WOULD HOPE, MAYBE LIKE TODAY.

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1   **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** I WILL DO THAT, YES. WE'LL DO IT RIGHT  
2   NOW. AND IF THERE IS SOME RESOLUTION OR ACTION THAT CAN BE  
3   TAKEN TODAY --

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE NEED A BOARD LETTER. OKAY.

6

7   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I BELIEVE THE BILL DOES PROVIDE FOR THE  
8   BOARD TO APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM. SOME OF  
9   THE LANGUAGE IS HERE. IT SAYS --

10

11   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE'LL VERIFY THAT AND WE'LL BE PREPARED TO  
12   BRING IN A MOTION IF THAT'S THE CASE.

13

14   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT IT IS AN IMMEDIATE CAPABILITY. YES.  
15   THANK YOU, SIR.

16

17   **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** SINCE THIS IS ON FOR A REPORT, IT WOULD  
18   BE BEST PROBABLY TO BRING BACK A BOARD LETTER WITH, IT IS A  
19   LOCAL OPTION BILL, WE'VE CONFIRMED STILL. AND SO WE CAN BRING  
20   IT BACK A RESOLUTION THAT WILL MAKE IT EFFECTIVE IN OUR  
21   COUNTY.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. I HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS.

24



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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST TAKE THIS  
2   OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR REALLY PUSHING THIS  
3   FROM THE MOMENT OF ITS INCEPTION AND BIRD-DOGGING IT UNTIL IT  
4   GOT SIGNED. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD HAVE FARED AS WELL,  
5   NECESSARILY, IF YOU HADN'T DONE THAT. AND I THINK WE ALL  
6   APPRECIATE IT, I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES. THANKS  
7   DON, FOR YOUR WORK ON THAT.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, SENATOR ROMERO TOO, FOR BEING THE  
10  AUTHOR.

11

12  **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD, AND YOU AS  
13  WELL, DON. BECAUSE, AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT, THE BILL  
14  PROVIDES THAT BOARD MAY PRESCRIBE REASONABLE RULES AND  
15  REGULATIONS IN WHICH AN INVOLUNTARY DETENTION PROGRAM MAY  
16  OPERATE. SO THERE IS SOME ASPECT OF BEING ABLE TO TAKE SOME  
17  CONTROL HERE.

18

19  **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'LL NEED TO WORK WITH US TO FASHION  
20  THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THANKS. THANK YOU, SHERIFF.

21

22  **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

23

24  **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT SHERIFF. THANKS FOR COMING  
25  DOWN. THEN, CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL



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1 AND CEO DEVELOP WHATEVER BOARD LETTERS NECESSARY FOR US TO  
2 IMPLEMENT ANY ASPECT OF S.B.959.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL SECOND THAT. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, THAT'LL BE THE ORDER. OKAY. LET ME FIRST DO MY  
6 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WHO IS UP FIRST? I THINK THE THIRD IS THE  
7 FIRST TODAY.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE THIRD IS UP. THE THIRD IS UP FIRST.

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST TOOK HIM OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE THE  
12 SHERIFF WAS HERE, THAT'S ALL. LET ME, FIRST OF ALL, ASK THAT  
13 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PHILLIP FREEMAN, A BROTHER OF OUR  
14 COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY  
15 SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 50 LAST WEEK. PHILLIP  
16 FREEMAN IS SURVIVED BY CHIEF FREEMAN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.  
17 AND I ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ALSO ASK  
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAMELA OUGHTEN ARMSTRONG,  
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 60. SHE WAS THE OWNER OF "DETAILS,"  
20 A STORE WITH LOCATIONS IN LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, IN NEWPORT  
21 BEACH, CALIFORNIA AND ESTABLISHED A DESIGN FIRM BY THE SAME  
22 NAME IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER, DAPHNE  
23 MARKCROW, SON-IN-LAW CRAIG, GRANDDAUGHTER ANNA, AND TWO  
24 SISTERS, CAROL BIONDI, WHO'S ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS, AND  
25 DEBRA OUGHTEN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT SIR.

3

4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT'LL BE THE ORDER.  
5 MARY ANN JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST SIDE CENTER FOR  
6 INDEPENDENT LIVING, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. AT THE AGE  
7 OF 23, AND MARRIED ONLY THREE YEARS WITH A TWO-YEAR OLD  
8 DAUGHTER, SHE SUFFERED A DEVASTATING ACCIDENT WHILE ON A  
9 FAMILY CAMPING TRIP IN WHICH SHE BROKE HER NECK AND SEVERED  
10 HER SPINAL COLUMN RENDERING HER A PERMANENT QUADRIPLLEGIC.  
11 NEVERTHELESS, THROUGH INTENSIVE THERAPY AND LOVING SUPPORT OF  
12 HER HUSBAND SHE REGAINED HER ABILITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY  
13 WITH HER FAMILY. AND BECAME QUITE ACTIVE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY  
14 AND AS AN ADVOCATE IN THE INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT.  
15 BEGINNING AS A UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER WORKING ON BEHALF OF  
16 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, SHE BEGAN A LIFE LONG CAREER IN THE  
17 FIELD, AMASSING EXPERIENCE AND CREDENTIALS AND EVENTUALLY  
18 BECOMING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST SIDE CENTER FOR  
19 INDEPENDENT LIVING. SHE WAS A FRIEND OF OUR OFFICE AND A  
20 FRIEND TO THE DISABLED THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND BEYOND. HER  
21 NUMEROUS AFFILIATIONS INCLUDED THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION OF  
22 INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, THE L.A. COUNTY ACCESSIBILITIES  
23 APPEALS BOARD, ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND  
24 MANY OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 44 YEARS, DON.



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1 AND A DAUGHTER WENDY AND TWO BROTHERS, DENNIS AND CURTIS  
2 NORDELL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN THAT. I JUST, THE LAST FEW WEEKS  
5 HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY. THEY LOST  
6 TWO PIONEERS, MARY ANN AND JEANETTE ISHAKAWA AS WELL TOO. AND  
7 TWO GREAT LADIES WITH GREAT VISION.

8

9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS ON MARY ANN JONES. ASK THAT  
10 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOANNE WILLENS WIDZER, LONG TIME  
11 SUPPORTER OF THE LOS ANGELES FREE CLINIC, WHO PASSED AWAY  
12 FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS. JOANNE WAS A PSYCHOTHERAPIST WHO HAD  
13 BEEN VERY ACTIVE AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE FREE CLINIC IN ITS  
14 EARLY DAYS, LATER SERVING ON ITS BOARD FOR MANY YEARS. A  
15 STRONG SUPPORTER FOR THE CLINIC'S PROGRAMS RAN IN THE FAMILY.  
16 THE CLINIC'S BEVERLY BOULEVARD BUILDING WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF  
17 HER GRANDFATHER, SENIEL OSTRO. AND HER HUSBAND, MARTIN, AND  
18 DAUGHTERS, SARAH AND SAMANTHA, REGULARLY ATTENDED THE CLINIC'S  
19 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER. SHE WAS A TRUE BELIEVER IN ITS  
20 MISSION. AND HER TIRELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CLINIC'S  
21 PROGRAMS AND PATIENTS WILL BE SORELY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED  
22 BY MARTIN WIDZER, DR. MARTIN WIDZER, HER HUSBAND. AND HER  
23 DAUGHTERS SARAH WIDZER AND SAMANTHA WIDZER. LAST ASK THAT WE  
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SILVIA THALER. SILVIA WAS A WOMAN I GOT  
25 TO KNOW WHEN I WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND ACTIVE IN THE



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1 MOVEMENT TO FREE SOVIET JEWS. A TRAVEL AGENT, VERY SUCCESSFUL  
2 TRAVEL AGENT, WHO GOT VERY ACTIVE AND VERY INVOLVED IN A WHOLE  
3 LOT OF WAYS IN THE MOVEMENT, INCLUDING HELPING TO FACILITATE  
4 VISITS BY PEOPLE CARRYING BIBLES AND DICTIONARIES AND OTHER  
5 THINGS TO PEOPLE IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO WERE DENIED THOSE  
6 OPPORTUNITIES. AND SHE PASSED AWAY VERY SUDDENLY LAST WEEK.  
7 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, ALAN THALER, AN ATTORNEY IN LOS  
8 ANGELES. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ALL OF THOSE. LET'S GET TO THE  
9 AGENDA. DO WE HAVE ANY SET ITEMS OTHER THAN THE SHERIFF'S?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THAT WAS THE ONLY ONE.

12

13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. FOUR VOTE ITEMS? WHICH ONES ARE  
14 THOSE?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEMS 21, 44, 45 AND 46 WERE HELD FOR FOUR  
17 VOTES.

18

19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. 21. KNABE MOVES, BURKE  
20 SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 21. THE  
21 NEXT ONE?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 44. ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE  
2 SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 45.

5

6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS, WITHOUT  
7 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 46.

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS; WITHOUT  
12 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE, ITEM 46.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT WAS IT.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WHY WAS ITEM NUMBER 1 HELD?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND ALSO --

19

20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OH. I DIDN'T SEE THAT. MR. SACHS, YOU'RE  
21 HERE ON ITEM 1, 2, AND 22. SO WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK TO ALL THREE  
22 OF THEM? OKAY? WELL, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM UP SEQUENTIALLY.  
23 SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAVE YOURSELF THE WALK? JUST TRYING TO  
24 BE OF CONVENIENCE TO YOU. GO AHEAD.

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING,  
2   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT I WAS  
3   HOPING THAT THIS PERSON WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THE, JANET  
4   NEAL FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. RECENTLY THE  
5   CITY OF L.A. JUST MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO THEIR COMMISSION ON  
6   DISABILITIES. AND AT THAT HEARING AND ALSO AT THE MTA BOARD  
7   HEARINGS INVOLVING ACCESS SERVICES, I'VE CONTINUALLY BROUGHT  
8   UP THE POINT THAT THERE IS A HUGE LOOPHOLE IN WHICH THE ACCESS  
9   SERVICE PROVIDERS MANAGE TO RECEIVE CONTRACTS FROM EITHER THE  
10   CITY OR THE COUNTY THAT ALLOWS THEM TO LICENSE VEHICLES  
11   WITHOUT HAVING THE APPROPRIATE LICENSED DRIVERS FOR THOSE  
12   VEHICLES. IT CREATES A SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE  
13   TO PERFORM ACCESS SERVICES. AND I WAS HOPING TO PRESENT THIS  
14   POINT TO THIS NEW COMMISSIONER AND MAKE HER AWARE OF THIS. I  
15   ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE METRO LOS ANGELES TRANSIT  
16   HISTORY THAT I RECEIVED FROM METRO, THERE'S AN ARTICLE  
17   REGARDING ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED. AND IT STATES "THIS  
18   SERVICE IS DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PASSENGERS REQUIRING  
19   SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND SERVICES MANDATED BY  
20   THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, ORIGINALLY MANAGED BY THE  
21   LACMTA. THE DEPARTMENT WAS RESTRUCTURED AS A NONPROFIT,  
22   INDEPENDENT AGENCY UNDER THE NAME ACCESS SERVICES IN 1994." SO  
23   IF IT'S ACCESS SERVICES, THEN IT'S NOT ACCESS SERVICES  
24   INCORPORATED. YET IN THIS PAST BOARD MEETING, THERE WAS A  
25   MOTION FOR AN AUDIT BY THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES TO CONDUCT A



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1 PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF ACCESS SERVICES  
2 INCORPORATED. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE THESE POINTS  
3 AVAILABLE AND AWARE TO THIS NEW COMMISSIONER ON DISABILITIES  
4 AND HOPEFULLY THAT SHE HAS THE STONES TO HANDLE YOUR-- THE  
5 BOARD THAT SHE'S GOING TO DEAL WITH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
6 YOUR TIME.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THE  
9 OTHER TWO ITEMS? OR IS THAT-- YOU DID IT? PARDON? BRING THE  
10 INFORMATION FOR 2 AND 22 WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, OKAY? ITEM NUMBER  
11 2 IS BEFORE US?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE IT.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, ITEM NUMBER ONE IS BEFORE US.  
16 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
17 VOTE. WHO IS HERE ON ITEM 19? DR. CLAVREUL? ITEM 19.

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19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
20 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW I AM TOTALLY ALLERGIC TO THE  
21 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT, THAT'S ANOTHER ONE. WE ARE A COUNTY OF  
22 OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE. I THINK THAT'S QUITE UNNECESSARY TO  
23 HAVE A SOLE-VENDER. ALSO, I'M STILL WAITING TO GET A COMPLETE  
24 REPORT OF HOW MANY CONTRACTS WE HAVE IN INFORMATION



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1 TECHNOLOGY. I MEAN IT HAS BEEN MONTHS SINCE I REQUESTED A FULL  
2 ACCOUNT. AND I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT. THANK YOU.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US.  
5 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
6 VOTE. MR. SACHS? ITEM 2 AND 22.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON  
9 ITEM NUMBER 2, THERE WAS A PART IN THIS RECOMMENDATION IN THE  
10 MIDDLE OF THE PARAGRAPH THAT SAID "TO REVIEW THE REGULATORY  
11 ENVIRONMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE REASON OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
12 HIRE INDUSTRY." AND I HAD A HANDOUT FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS  
13 THAT HE'S PASSING OUT, THAT IS A COPY OF AN ORDINANCE. AND IF  
14 YOU COULD LOOK AT THE DEFINITION, SECTION 5.72.020, THIS IS AN  
15 ORDINANCE OF ONE OF THE CITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY. AND IT  
16 DEFINES AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE ASSUMING IN EVERY MOTOR PROPELLED  
17 VEHICLE OR PEDAL POWERED TAXI (PEDICAB) OTHER THAN TAXICABS.  
18 SO, MY POINT BEING THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT DOING TRANSPORTATION  
19 FOR HIRE INDUSTRY, AND THIS CITY DEFINES AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE  
20 AS VEHICLES OTHER THAN TAXICABS. AND I'M SURE THAT THIS  
21 COMMISSION IS LOOKING INTO TAXICABS. AND BEFORE YOU GET  
22 STARTED ON LOOKING INTO TAXICABS, YOU NEED TO DECIDE HOW TO  
23 DEFINE THEM. AND I'D APPRECIATE THAT IF COUNSEL WOULD LOOK AT  
24 THAT AND SAY WHAT'S RIGHT OR WRONG WITH THAT. AND YOU COULD  
25 LOOK AT IT, TOO, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE LAW IS. AND IF IT



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1 DOESN'T INCLUDE TAXICABS, THEN WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT INCLUDE  
2 THAT ARE AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE? BECAUSE LIMOS ARE REGULATED BY  
3 THE STATE. AND I WOULD IMAGINE THAT SHUTTLE VANS ARE REGULATED  
4 BY THE STATE. AND SO THOSE REGULATIONS SUPERSEDE ANY CITY OR  
5 COUNTY ORDINANCES, WHICH LEAVES TAXICABS. BUT IF TAXICABS ARE  
6 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE, THEN WHAT'S LEFT? THANK  
7 YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO 22?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M GOING TO ASK A QUESTION.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN YOU'RE SAYING TAXICABS ARE GOING TO BE  
16 EXCLUDED?

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT SAYING IT. THAT'S WHAT THE LAW SAYS. I  
19 DON'T SAY THIS, THE LAW SAYS IT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE SHOULD SAY WE WANT TAXICABS TO BE INCLUDED  
22 AS AN ADDENDUM, OR A SUGGESTION.

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24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT SURE HE'S ACCURATE ON THAT.

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1    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE LAW SAYS AUTOMOBILES --

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3    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK TAXICABS ARE ALREADY COVERED BY  
4    LOCAL JURISDICTION. THIS IS TO TRY TO GET THE OTHER VEHICLES  
5    FOR HIRE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO CAPTURE.

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7    **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY, BUT WHAT WOULD BE THOSE OTHER VEHICLES FOR  
8    HIRE?

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10   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION  
11   WITH YOU.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY IS LOOKING AT  
14   NATURAL GAS REGULATIONS FOR TAXICABS.

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16   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH ASKING FOR  
17   THAT, OKAY. AS MUCH, AS BROAD AS WE CAN. BUT I BELIEVE I THINK  
18   WHAT THIS MOTION -- AM I CORRECT ON THAT? IT DOES INCLUDE  
19   CABS.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE:** IT DOES? AND THEIR ORDINANCE INCLUDES CABS IN  
22   HERMOSA BEACH, TOO. IT'S JUST, THEY'RE TRYING TO BE INCLUSIVE  
23   OF EVERYTHING IN ADDITION TO TAXICABS, IF YOU READ THE FULL  
24   EDITION.

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY. AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS  
2   DO IT REGIONALLY AND GET EVERYBODY INVOLVED. AND I THINK MR.  
3   KNABE AND MR. ANTONOVICH HAVE ADDED AMENDMENTS TO PUNCTUATE  
4   THAT POINT. SO WE HAVE THAT ITEM AS AMENDED BEFORE US. MOVED  
5   BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
6   VOTE. ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO WITH ITEM 22.

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8   **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 22 INVOLVES LIKE SOME FUNDING FROM THE  
9   STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS.  
10   THIS IS MORE FUNDING COMING FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTY. AND  
11   AS IT OCCURRED LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THIS ONE, THE  
12   STATE OFFERED FUNDING TO HAVE BEACHES, EITHER EL PESCADOR OR  
13   LA PADERA, OR EL MATADOR, THEY GAVE \$700,000 FOR ONE OF THOSE  
14   BEACHES TO BE ACCESS-AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, IMPROVE  
15   ACCESSIBILITY. AND THE MONEY WAS MOVED TO A DIFFERENT PROJECT,  
16   ANOTHER BEACH. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE THIS MONEY THAT  
17   THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS ALLOCATING? BECAUSE I WENT TO A SOUTH  
18   BAY CITY COUNCIL OF GOVERNANCE MEETING AND THEY WERE TALKING  
19   ABOUT SYNCHRONIZATION ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, OR IN THE  
20   SOUTH BAY, AND IT EXCLUDED THE OPERATION PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY  
21   BECAUSE THAT'S A STATE ROAD UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
22   STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO I WAS WONDERING IF THE STATE IS GIVING  
23   MONEY FOR ROAD PROJECTS AND THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY SHOWN ITS  
24   ABILITY TO USE MONEY FOR PARK PROJECTS FOR OTHER PARKS, CAN



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1 THE COUNTY USE FUNDS THAT THE STATE ALLOCATES FOR ONE ROAD  
2 PROJECT FOR A DIFFERENT ROAD PROJECT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ITEM 22 BEFORE US.  
5 MISS BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
6 VOTE. I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING, RIGHT? ALL RIGHT,  
7 LET ME GO TO SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** DON, ONE LAST ONE, I'M SORRY. JUST CAME  
12 TO MY ATTENTION. AL OERTER PASSED AWAY. GREAT ATHLETE, FOUR-  
13 TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST IN THE DISCUS. I THINK 1956, '60,  
14 '64, AND '68. I SAW HIM COMPETE MANY TIMES HERE AT THE  
15 COLISEUM. A LEGEND IN HIS FIELD. I ASK THAT WE ALL ADJOURN IN  
16 HIS MEMORY DIED AT THE AGE OF 71 OVER THE WEEKEND.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I WOULD JOIN IN THAT. I THINK ALL MEMBERS.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO YOU ALREADY DID CHIEF FREEMAN'S BROTHER. BUT  
23 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD T. POWERS WHO PASSED AWAY  
24 ON SEPTEMBER 25TH. HE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH  
25 DISTRICT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SERVED AS A LONG TIME GENERAL



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1 COUNSEL FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT  
2 FROM THE EARLY '70S TO THE LATE '80S. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
3 EIGHT CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVELYN  
4 SERLES, WHO PASSED AWAY 25TH OF SEPTEMBER AS WELL. SHE WAS 93  
5 YEARS OLD AND WOULD HAVE CELEBRATED HER 94TH BIRTHDAY  
6 TOMORROW. SHE OWNED AND OPERATED HER OWN BEAUTY SALON FOR 20  
7 YEARS IN CAL HEIGHTS IN LONG BEACH. SHE WAS THE FIRST LADY OF  
8 EL BECKAL SHRINE. MERIDIAN CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN STAR, LADIES  
9 ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE. SHE  
10 WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND SHE WAS  
11 ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF LEISURE WORLD. SHE  
12 IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, DR. JAMES "JIM" SERLES, A GOOD FRIEND,  
13 AND HIS WIFE PAM. GRANDSON, DENNIS, AND WIFE VIRGINIA, AND  
14 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. I'M NOT HOLDING  
19 ANYTHING, EITHER.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
24 THE HONORABLE PHILIP MARCELIN, WHO WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR  
25 THE CITY OF INDUSTRY, GRADUATE OF CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO.



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1 AND HE WAS A CIVIL ENGINEER WORKING FOR A NATIONAL ENGINEERING  
2 COMPANY AND CNC. HE ADDITIONALLY SERVED ON THE SAN GABRIEL  
3 VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST, WHERE I  
4 SERVED WITH HIM. AND FOUR CORNERS TRANSPORTATION COALITION.  
5 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATSY, HIS DAUGHTER AND SON AND  
6 TWO-STEP SONS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, AS WELL. OKAY.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO MOVE IN MEMORY OF ANDREW WESTERFIELD,  
11 WHO BEGAN HIS STUDIES IN UCLA BEFORE COMPLETING HIS DEGREE AT  
12 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II  
13 VETERAN, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. WORKED AS PROJECT  
14 DESIGNER MASTER TOOLING FOR THE BOMBER AT A-26 ATTACK BOMBER  
15 AT DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION TO HOLDING ADDITIONAL  
16 POSITIONS WITH C.F. BRAUN, WHO SENT HIM ABROAD, WHERE HE WAS A  
17 FORMER, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ALHAMBRA BOARD OF EDUCATION IN  
18 1960. WHILE HE WAS OVERSEAS, HE WAS REELECTED AND RETURNED TO  
19 SERVICE FOR ANOTHER SIX YEARS. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
20 ALHAMBRA PLANNING COMMISSION. HE WAS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF  
21 ALHAMBRA. MARY ANN JONES, WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH HELPING THOSE  
22 WITH DISABILITIES. SHE HERSELF WAS A QUADRIPLAGIC AFTER AN  
23 ACCIDENT IN HER EARLIER YEARS. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF MINNESOTA  
24 STATE UNIVERSITY, STARTED VOLUNTEERING AT THAT TIME. SHE WENT  
25 ON TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING SISTER KENNY



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1 REHABILITATION INSTITUTE, WHERE SHE DID REHAB AND THE SCHWAB  
2 REHABILITATION CENTER IN CHICAGO. SHE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
3 NATIONAL EASTER SEALS SOCIETY FOR FOUR YEARS AND THEN WENT ON  
4 TO BECOME THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST SIDE CENTER FOR  
5 INDEPENDENT LIVING IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS WE KNOW, WE AWARDED  
6 HER THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, THE ACCESS  
7 AWARD, AND THE PIONEER WOMAN AWARD FROM LOS ANGELES CITY'S  
8 COMMISSION. JOELLA RAFFERTY GARDNER, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF,  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE RETIRED FROM THE CARSON STATION.  
10 JUANITA EBERHART, WHO WAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE  
11 EMPLOYEE FOR 41 YEARS. SHE LEAVES HER SON, DAUGHTER, TWO  
12 BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS. A GOOD FRIEND, NADINE CARSON, WHO  
13 PASSED AWAY AT 76. SHE WAS VERY BIG HEARTED PHILANTHROPIST BUT  
14 LOVED WORKING WITH CHILDREN. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ED, HAVE  
15 BEEN INTRICATELY INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A MAJOR  
16 SUPPORTER OF THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT CENTER, AND MUSIC CENTER,  
17 AND CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION IN SHERMAN OAKS, WHICH DOES AN  
18 INCREDIBLE JOB. AND SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ED, HELPED MANY  
19 PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS THROUGH THEIR ALMA  
20 MATER, WHICH WAS ARIZONA STATE. WE ALWAYS WERE HOPING THAT  
21 ARIZONA WOULD MAKE IT TO THE ROSE BOWL ONE OF THESE TIMES BUT  
22 THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT. NADINE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, TWO  
23 CHILDREN, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER SISTER. DEPUTY MICHAEL  
24 CARNEY, WHO PASSED AWAY FROM A HEART ATTACK WHILE AT AGE 34.  
25 HE WAS AN ACTIVE DEPUTY. HE LEAVES BEHIND HIS WIFE AND YOUNG



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1 CHILDREN. GERTRUDE "BILLIE" BOWLBY, WIFE OF THE FORMER  
2 PRESIDENT OF SHELL OIL COMPANY, WHO MOVED TO SOUTHERN  
3 CALIFORNIA IN 1970. THEY WERE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF KCET AND WAS  
4 SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE KCET WOMEN'S COUNCIL, PRESIDENT AND  
5 HISTORIAN OF THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN AUXILIARY BOARD  
6 OF DIRECTORS, THE WALT DISNEY ASSOCIATES OF THE CALIFORNIA  
7 INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AS WELL AS  
8 MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF  
9 THE PASADENA COMMITTEE FOR THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.  
10 SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH HER COMMUNITY QUITE EXTENSIVELY. WALLY  
11 PARKS, WHO WAS A HOT RODDER AND ENTREPRENEUR IN 1947. HE AND  
12 TWO COLLEAGUES ESTABLISHED "HOT ROD" MAGAZINE. HE WAS THE  
13 FIRST EDITOR. AND HE PUT HIMSELF ON THE MAP WORLDWIDE WHEN HE  
14 PROPOSED USING THE BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS IN UTAH FOR SPEED  
15 TRIALS. TWO YEARS LATER HE BECAME FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE  
16 NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION. HIS MAGAZINE WAS A PLACE TO  
17 PROMOTE LEGAL DRAG RACING AND A PASSION AND HOBBY OF HIS SINCE  
18 HE STARTED OUT IN 1924. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE WAS  
19 ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NHRA UNTIL HE PASSED AWAY. AND HE  
20 WAS INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
21 IN 1992. AND HE HAS A MUSEUM IN HIS HONOR IN POMONA. HE WAS  
22 THE FIRST WINNER OF THE NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION'S MOST  
23 PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. AND HE LEAVES HIS TWO CHILDREN, RICHARD AND  
24 DAVID, AND ONE GRANDCHILD. HIS WIFE, WHO WAS SECRETARY OF THE  
25 HOT ROD, PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH IN 2006. WALLY, A BURBANK





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1 RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. TONY DEMILITA, WHO WAS  
2 A MEMBER OF THE LAKE TOWN COUNCIL. HE WAS INVOLVED IN HIS  
3 CHURCH, LOCAL CLUBS, AND COMMUNITY. AND AS THE AREA'S COMPUTER  
4 TECH. PAUL JOSEPH AMENT, WHO WAS A KOREAN VETERAN, MEMBER OF  
5 THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AMERICAN LEGION, AND AMPUTEE  
6 COALITION OF AMERICA. LEAVES HIS WIFE BARBARA, SEVEN CHILDREN,  
7 25 GRANDCHILDREN AND NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN FROM THE  
8 ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND CHARLENE ROSE LAYNE, ALSO A RESIDENT OF  
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY. WAS DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AT GRACE  
10 CHAPEL IN LANCASTER FOR 17 YEARS. AND CHARLES BUTLER ALBRECQ,  
11 FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. GREW UP IN NEWHALL. AND HE WAS -  
12 - THEY OWNED AND BRED SEVERAL STAKE WINNING RACE HORSES. HE  
13 WAS A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER IN THE VALLEY. HE ENJOYED THE  
14 CHALLENGES OFFERED BY HORSE RACING, CARS. AND HE LEAVES HIS  
15 PARENTS, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT  
16 MOTIONS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PAST SATURDAY, WE DID OUR FOSTER CARE  
21 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WE HAD  
22 ABOUT 200 YOUNG CHILDREN, FOSTER CHILDREN. AND WE HAD PUBLIC  
23 AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, MANY OF THE COUNTY AGENCIES WERE THERE.  
24 AND IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. MANY OF THE YOUNG  
25 PEOPLE FOUND OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK BOTH AT THE COUNTY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES AND IN SOME OF THE PRIVATE MEDICAL AND OTHER  
2 INSTITUTIONS THAT WERE OFFERING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
3 THESE CHILDREN. AND WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT CHILDREN WHO ARE  
4 EMANCIPATED AT THE AGE OF 18, IF THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB, THEY  
5 DON'T HAVE HOPE, THEY END UP A VITAL STATISTIC. SO I WANT TO  
6 THANK THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
7 TRISH PLOEHN AND THE MEMBERS OF HER DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH  
8 HELEN AND TAMARA FROM MY OFFICE, WHO HELPED COORDINATE THAT.  
9 AND NORM HENKLING. IT WAS VERY GOOD TO SEE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
10 HAVE HOPE AND A FUTURE. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION FOR  
11 NEXT WEEK. DESPITE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'S EXECUTIVE  
12 ORDER 9066 REGULATING JAPANESE AMERICANS OR FAMILIES, FRIENDS,  
13 AND COLLEAGUES TO INTERMENT CAMPS, OVER 20,000 JAPANESE  
14 AMERICANS SERVED OUR COUNTRY PROUDLY DURING WORLD WAR II. MANY  
15 SERVED IN THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION, THE 442ND REGIMENTAL  
16 COMBAT TEAM AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, WHICH WAS ONE  
17 OF THE MOST DECORATED UNITS IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THE JAPANESE-  
18 AMERICANS, NISEIS, WORLD WAR II VETERANS STAMP CAMPAIGN HAS  
19 PETITIONED THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE A  
20 COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP TO HONOR THE JAPANESE-AMERICANS  
21 WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II. THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE  
22 HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL BE REVIEWING THIS PROPOSAL  
23 AT THEIR NEXT STAMP COMMITTEE MEETING THIS FALL. SO I'D MOVE  
24 THAT THE BOARD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE UNITED  
25 STATES POSTMASTER GENERAL AND THE CITIZEN'S STAMP ADVISORY



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1 COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT JAPANESE-AMERICAN WORLD WAR II  
2 COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. THAT WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA  
7 FOR NEXT WEEK.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR, I DON'T THINK WE CAN DO THAT TODAY?

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE ACT ON IT TODAY?

12

13 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** I THINK AN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER SUCH AS  
14 THIS, YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND APPROVE IT TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THEN IT'S MOVED BY  
17 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
18 VOTE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER MOTION.  
21 CURRENTLY PURVEYORS OF BOTTLED WATER AND OPERATORS OF  
22 COMMERCIAL WATER PURIFICATION MACHINES ARE NOT IMPOSED BY LAW  
23 TO LABEL BOTTLES WITH PRODUCT'S CONTENTS NOR PROVIDE A  
24 DETAILED WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS. ACCORDING TO THE NATURAL  
25 RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE, FDA RULES ALLOW BOTTLERS



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1 TO CALL THEIR PRODUCT SPRING WATER, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE  
2 BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE USING A PUMP WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT MAYBE  
3 TREATED WITH CHEMICALS. THE NRDC ALSO CONTENDS THAT ABOUT ONE  
4 FOURTH OF BOTTLED WATER IS ACTUALLY TAP WATER. AT PRESENT,  
5 BOTTLED WATER IS REGULATED AS A FOOD PRODUCT BY THE U.S. FOOD  
6 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. UNLIKE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS, WHICH  
7 FALL UNDER STATE REGULATIONS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT  
8 DEMAND THE SAME LEVELS OF DISCLOSURE. CONSUMERS HAVE A NEED  
9 FOR FULL WATER DISCLOSURE AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND  
10 THE QUALITY OF THEIR DRINKING WATER. A BILL BY SENATOR ALAN  
11 CORBETT, SENATE BILL 220, REQUIRES THE STATE TO COMPEL ALL  
12 WATER AGENCIES TO MAKE DETAIL REGARDING THEIR WATER CONTENTS  
13 AND SOURCES READILY AVAILABLE. SPECIFICALLY, THE LEGISLATION  
14 WOULD REQUIRE BOTTLERS OF WATERS SOLD IN SINGLE SERVING  
15 CONTAINERS TO INCLUDE ON THE LABEL OR ON A PACKAGE INSERT THE  
16 NAME AND CONTENT INFORMATION FOR THE BOTTLER OR BRAND OWNER  
17 THE SOURCE OF THE WATER AND AN INTERNET ADDRESS OR OTHER MEANS  
18 TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY REPORT. COMPANIES THAT SELL MULTI-  
19 GALLON CONTAINERS WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE SIMILAR INFORMATION.  
20 OPERATORS OF VENDING MACHINES THAT DISPENSE PURIFIED WATER  
21 WOULD HAVE TO PRINT DISCLOSURES ON THE MACHINES WHICH WOULD  
22 HAVE TO BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED MONTHLY AND BE INSPECTED BY  
23 THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. I'D MOVE THAT THE  
24 BOARD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER  
25 IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 220.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WILL BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. AND ON ITEM 24, I HAVE  
5 AN AMENDMENT. ON JUNE 19TH, THE BOARD ADOPTED PLANS AND  
6 SPECIFICATIONS AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR A CONSTRUCTION BID  
7 AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO  
8 AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR ACTON PARK PHASE 2 PROJECT.  
9 THE PROJECT ADDS A COMMUNITY PAVILION, A REGULATION SOFTBALL  
10 FIELD, IRRIGATION TO THE NEW FOOTBALL FIELD AND LANDSCAPED  
11 AREAS, LANDSCAPING, ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE PAVILION, A  
12 BASKETBALL COURT AND WALKWAYS. ON JULY 11TH OF THIS YEAR, THE  
13 BID FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER BROUGHT THE PROJECT  
14 TOTAL TO \$1,168,634, WHICH IS \$175,000 HIGHER THAN THE AMOUNT  
15 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON JUNE 19TH, 2007. THIS ITEM  
16 ON TODAY'S AGENDA REQUESTS THAT WE FIND THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
17 THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ELEMENT OF THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY  
18 EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND  
19 APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000  
20 TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR THE ACTON PARK PHASE 2 PROJECT  
21 AND TO APPROVE THE REVISED ACTON PARK PHASE 2 PROJECT IN THE  
22 AMOUNT OF \$1,168,634. OF THE \$175,000 INCREASE REQUESTED,  
23 35,000 IN PARK IN LIEU FEELS FEES HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND  
24 \$140,000 IN FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS  
25 IS BEING REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD. SO THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION



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1 THAT WE, AS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.A.  
2 COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, I WOULD ALLOCATE  
3 FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COUNTY EXECUTIVE FUNDS IN THE  
4 AMOUNT OF \$140,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
5 FOR THE ACTON PARK PHASE 2 PROJECT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF  
6 PARKS AND RECREATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO  
7 INCREASE THE GRANT BY 140,000 AND TO ADMINISTER THE PROP A  
8 GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS WHEN  
9 APPLICABLE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET AND PURSUED TO PROCEDURES  
10 IN THE PROCUREMENT GUIDE FOR SPECIFIED AND PER PARCEL  
11 PROJECTS. NOW, THIS WAS WRITTEN BY A REAL GOOD BUREAUCRAT. A  
12 TONGUE TWISTER.

13

14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE  
15 AMENDMENT IS APPROVED. ANOTHER ITEM BEFORE US. HANG ON.  
16 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 24, AS  
17 AMENDED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ITEM NUMBER 60. DR. CHERNOF IS GOING TO  
20 MAKE A REPORT?

21

22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, JUST A  
23 COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE REPORT THAT WE RELEASED LAST FRIDAY.  
24 FIRST, THE MLK MAC IS NOW SEEING-- LAST WEEK SAW 154 URGENT  
25 CARE VISITS. THIS IS A 5 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE WEEK



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1 BEFORE. SO WE'RE CONTINUING TO SEE WEEK OVER WEEK INCREASES.  
2 THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 35 PATIENTS TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE  
3 URGENT CARE TO OTHER FACILITIES DURING THAT WEEK. THIS IS A 20  
4 PERCENT DECREASE FROM THE PRIOR WEEK. THAT'S GOOD INFORMATION.  
5 IT SHOWS US THAT PATIENTS ARE STARTING TO USE THE URGENT CARE  
6 MORE AND MORE. WE'RE NOW ABOVE, IF THESE TRENDS HOLD, ABOVE  
7 THE 20,000 VISITS THAT WE HAVE PROJECTED INITIALLY. AND THAT  
8 WE ARE SEEING MORE APPROPRIATE UTILIZATION, WHICH IS THE OTHER  
9 IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. WE HOPE THAT THESE TRENDS HOLD.  
10 AND WE'LL BE REPORTING TO YOU ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE  
11 OUTPATIENT AND SPECIALTY CARE CLINICS REMAINED ROUGHLY THE  
12 SAME OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THERE WAS A VERY, VERY SMALL  
13 DECREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN. WITH RESPECT TO  
14 IMPACT AT HOSPITALS, FOR MOST OF THE METRICS THAT WE TRACK,  
15 THEY'VE REMAINED ESSENTIALLY STABLE. SOME WENT UP A LITTLE  
16 BIT, SOME WENT DOWN A LITTLE BIT. NOTHING REALLY SIGNIFICANT.  
17 IT IS CLEAR AT THIS POINT THAT ALL OF THE NINE PRIVATE  
18 HOSPITALS AND THE TWO COUNTY HOSPITALS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY  
19 THE CLOSURE OF THE FACILITY ARE FEELING SUSTAINED AND  
20 PERSISTENT INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT THEY'RE  
21 SEEING. THE EMS AGENCY CONTINUES TO MONITOR 911 TRANSPORTS AND  
22 ED VISITS, AND IS WORKING WITH THE IMPACTED HOSPITALS AND THE  
23 FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO FURTHER REFINE 911 HOSPITAL DESTINATIONS  
24 AS NEEDED. MOST RECENTLY, EMS FOLLOWED UP WITH CENTINELA  
25 HOSPITAL, COUNTY FIRE AND CITY FIRE TO DISCUSS CENTINELA'S





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1 SERVICE AREA AS ONE OF THE IMPACTED HOSPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO  
2 HELP MITIGATE THEIR ED VOLUME. WE ARE CONCERNED, REMAIN  
3 CONCERNED ABOUT RESPONSE TIME, TRAVEL TIME AND WAITING TIME AT  
4 HOSPITALS FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS. AND EMS STAFF IS MEETING  
5 WITH THE VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS. AND IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS  
6 WE'LL BE PRESENTING ADDITIONAL DATA ON THE STATUS OF  
7 TRANSPORTATION. AND THE EFFORTS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE  
8 MADE. WE'VE HAD SOME FIRE DEPARTMENTS PUT SOME INCREASED  
9 EQUIPMENT IN THE FIELD, LOOKING AT HOW THEY DELIVER PATIENTS.  
10 AND I THINK WE'LL HAVE BETTER EXPERIENCE TO PRESENT TO YOU  
11 WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE EMPLOYEE MITIGATION AND  
12 TRANSFER CONTINUES. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 15 EMPLOYEES THAT  
13 ARE WAITING ASSIGNMENTS TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE'RE  
14 COMPLETING THAT WORK. WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT ASSIGNMENT LETTERS  
15 WERE MAILED TO ALL MLK EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE MAC  
16 AND DHS FACILITIES. AND WE ARE COMPLETING A COMPILATION OF  
17 DATA ON THE IN-PROCESSING OF ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES AND THIS  
18 INFORMATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD IN A FUTURE  
19 REPORT, WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE DEPARTMENT IS  
20 CONDUCTING 100 PERCENT PAYROLL AUDIT OF THE MLK MAC, OCTOBER  
21 2007, THE 15TH. AND WE'LL ALSO BE REPORTING THAT TO YOUR BOARD  
22 AS WELL. EFFORTS TO REOPEN THE HOSPITAL CONTINUE. THE REQUEST  
23 FOR SOLUTIONS THAT'S BEEN PREPARED BY HAMIS AND COMPANY IS  
24 UNDER FINAL REVIEW BY COUNTY COUNSEL FOR RELEASE LATER THIS  
25 WEEK. THE GOAL IS TO HAVE A PREFERRED SOLUTION AND OPERATOR



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1 IDENTIFIED BY EARLY DECEMBER. AT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION, WE DID  
2 GET THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTERS OUT. THEY ARE IN THE HANDS OF  
3 THE RESPECTIVE ENTITIES THAT WE SENT THEM TO. AS REPORTED TO  
4 YOUR BOARD LAST WEEK BUT CONFIRMING, WE WILL BE HAVING A  
5 COMMUNITY MEETING FOR POTENTIAL OPERATORS AND TO SOLICIT  
6 COMMUNITY INPUT ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2007, FROM 6:00 TO  
7 8:00 AT THE HUDSON AUDITORIUM ON THE GROUNDS OF MLK. NOTICES  
8 IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH REGARDING THIS MEETING ARE BEING  
9 DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. AND  
10 FEEDBACK FROM THIS MEETING WILL BE USED TO ASSIST IN  
11 EVALUATION OF RESPONSES TO THE R.F.S., AND TO DEVELOP  
12 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO  
13 ANSWER CONCERNS RAISED AT THIS MEETING. I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE  
14 QUESTIONS YOUR BOARD HAS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THE QUESTION. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES  
17 HAD PASS THE COMPETENCY APPROPRIATE TESTING?

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19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE 15 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE  
20 AWAITING SOME COMPONENT OF REASSIGNMENT. SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF  
21 THOSE HAVE AN ELEMENT OF COMPETENCY TESTING TO GO.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PAST WEEK I WAS TOLD THAT THERE ARE  
24 EMPLOYEES BEING TRANSFERRED WHO HAVE NOT PASSED THE COMPETENCY  
25 EXAM.



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**DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, EVERYBODY WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OUT HAS HAD COMPETENCY TESTING AS PART OF THE ASSIGNMENT OUT. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE AN ELEMENT OF COMPETENCY TESTING WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE LOCALLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT A HOSPITAL. SO WE'VE HAD TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. AND AS WE SHARED WITH YOUR BOARD, WE'RE ALSO, ON THE ARRIVAL TO FACILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE UNDERGOING ORIENTATION AND COMPETENCY REVIEW IN THE FACILITIES AS THEY ARRIVE. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT, SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE THE SKILLS - - BASIC SKILLS ARE ONE THING, BUT YOU NEED TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT AND BE ABLE TO FUNCTION UNDER THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE FACILITY YOU'RE ARRIVING AT. SO THERE ARE ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WHO NEED SOME FOLLOW-UP TESTING IN THE RECEIVING FACILITIES. AND THAT WORK IS BEING DONE. BUT IT'S A VERY SMALL NUMBER.

17

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY OF THOSE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO PATIENTS?

20

**DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** NONE OF THEM ARE PROVIDING PATIENT CARE. LIKE I SAID, IT'S JUST A COUPLE AT THIS POINT, SUPERVISOR, AND NONE OF THEM ARE PROVIDING PATIENT CARE IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THEIR COMPETENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE ARE NO NURSES INVOLVED WITH THE  
2   PATIENTS WHO HAVE FAILED ANY OF THE EXAMS?

3

4   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** NOT IN THE AREAS WHERE THEIR COMPETENCIES  
5   HAVE YET TO BE DEMONSTRATED.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY EMPLOYEES ARE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE,  
8   AND WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS?

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10   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100 OR  
11   SO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF  
12   THEM HAS RECEIVED FORMAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM US. WE ARE  
13   WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CEO STAFF TO REVIEW EVERY SINGLE  
14   EMPLOYEE, TO HAVE THEM COME IN AND EITHER DEFEND THEIR LEAVE  
15   OF ABSENCE, AND IF NOT, WE'LL REMOVE THEM.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN  
18   PRIMARY CARE BUT ALSO ER AND TRAUMA CASES IN OUR  
19   PUBLIC/PRIVATE CLINICS. HOW IS THE DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH OUR  
20   SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THIS PROGRAM?

21

22   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE HEARD THAT ANECDOTALLY.  
23   WE ARE WORKING WITH THE -- OUR MAJOR FOCUS HAS BEEN TO WORK  
24   WITH THE HOSPITALS THAT HAVE BEEN MOST SEVERELY IMPACTED. WE  
25   ARE -- AND WE'VE HEARD ANECDOTALLY FROM THE COMMUNITY CLINICS



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1 THAT THEY'RE SEEING AN INCREASED NUMBER. WE'RE LOOKING TO GET  
2 THAT DATA FROM THEM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE HELD OUT,  
3 THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT SIGNED 474 YET. MOST OF THOSE FUNDS WILL  
4 GO TO PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE MAC ITSELF. BECAUSE 75 PERCENT  
5 OF THE PATIENTS WHO COME TO THE MAC HAVE NO SOURCE OF FUNDING  
6 AND WE HAVE NO ALTERNATE SOURCE OF FUNDING. WE WILL ALSO BE  
7 USING 474 TO DEAL WITH BOTH THE PHYSICIAN COSTS AND THE  
8 IMPACTED HOSPITAL COSTS, INCLUDING OUR TWO IMPACTED HOSPITALS.  
9 BUT WE ARE RESERVING SOME FUNDS TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY  
10 CLINICS IN THE IMPACTED HOSPITAL AREA. AND WE'LL BE REPORTING  
11 MORE TO YOUR BOARD ON THAT ONCE WE ACTUALLY HAVE A SIGNED  
12 DOCUMENT FROM THE GOVERNOR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY PATIENTS DID THE NINE IMPACTED  
15 PRIVATE HOSPITALS TRANSFER TO OUR COUNTY FACILITIES?

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I HAVE CATHY CHIDESTER WITH ME, OUR ACTING  
18 DIRECTOR OF EMS. CATHY, MAYBE YOU COULD COMMENT ON THAT FOR  
19 US?

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21 **CATHY CHIDESTER:** WE'RE GETTING READY TO CREATE A REPORT FOR  
22 THE BOARD FOR DR. CHERNOF TO GIVE WITH THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS  
23 THAT ARE BEING TRANSFERRED. THE IMPACTED HOSPITAL PROGRAM WITH  
24 THE TRANSFERS HAS BEEN A LITTLE SLOW TO START. BECAUSE THE  
25 HOSPITALS, THEY NEED TO HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE TO TRACK WHO



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1 -- WE CALL IT THE IHP PROGRAM, IMPACTED HOSPITAL PROGRAM --  
2 WHO THE PATIENTS ARE THAT THEY CAN TRANSFER. SO THERE HASN'T  
3 BEEN A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REQUESTED TRANSFERS FROM THE  
4 IMPACTED HOSPITALS AS WE THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD BE, BUT  
5 MOSTLY BECAUSE THEY NEED TO GET STAFF AND DEVELOP AN INTERNAL  
6 PROGRAM FOR THEMSELVES TO IDENTIFY THE PATIENTS AND REQUEST  
7 THE TRANSFERS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE EMS NURSE STATION AT DOWNEY DOING  
10 TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS, AND HOW IS THE  
11 NURSE MONITORING THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT? AND WILL THE  
12 DEPARTMENT ALLOW A STATION NURSE AT CENTINELA AND DANIEL  
13 FREEMAN HOSPITALS?

14

15 **CATHY CHIDESTER:** WE HAVE NURSING STAFF, THEY ARE CALLED NURSE  
16 INSTRUCTOR ITEMS, THAT WORK IN OUR EMS AGENCY. AND WE'VE BEEN  
17 ABLE TO SEND THEM OUT FOR PERIODIC VISITS. IF WE HEAR THAT THE  
18 HOSPITAL FEELS THAT THEY'RE HAVING AN EXCESSIVELY HIGH DAY  
19 WITH 911 TRANSPORTS, WHAT THEY DO IS THEY GO TO THE HOSPITAL  
20 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. AND IT'S A WAY FOR US TO COMMUNICATE  
21 DIRECTLY WITH THE PARAMEDICS AND ASK THEM HOW THEY GOT TO THAT  
22 HOSPITAL, WHO DIRECTED THEM TO THE HOSPITAL, AND WHERE THEY  
23 WERE COMING FROM, TO INSURE THAT THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE  
24 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED. WE CAN ONLY  
25 DO THIS ON A PERIODIC BASIS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE NINE IMPACTED HOSPITALS HAVE INDICATED  
3 THEY HAVE INCREASES IN THEIR ER AND INPATIENT VISITS. SO HOW  
4 DOES OUR DEPARTMENT QUALIFY THAT DATA WHEN THE PRIVATE  
5 HOSPITALS DON'T ROUTINELY COLLECT THAT DATA IN A STANDARDIZED  
6 MANNER?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** LET ME START AND I'LL HAVE CATHY COMPLETE.  
9 I MEAN, THIS IS A NEW WORLD FOR THESE NINE HOSPITALS AND FOR  
10 US, FRANKLY, SUPERVISOR. THEY ARE COLLECTING THIS DATA USING A  
11 UNIFORM SET OF PROCEDURES THAT THEY WORKED OUT WITH HASC, THE  
12 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND US. THIS DATA  
13 IS PREDOMINANTLY COLLECTED ON PAPER AT THIS POINT. AND WE ARE  
14 LOOKING TO WORK WITH THEM TO TRY TO COLLECT IT ELECTRONICALLY  
15 IF POSSIBLE. AND CATHY'S STAFF, EMS STAFF, HAVE BEEN  
16 VALIDATING, DOING SAMPLING OF DATA AND VALIDATING IT, JUST TO  
17 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING ACCURATE DATA. BUT THERE'S NO  
18 QUESTION THAT THE NINE PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND THE TWO NEAREST  
19 COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE SEEING INCREASED VOLUMES. BUT WE ARE  
20 LOOKING TO CONFIRM THE DATA, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE  
23 CREATION OF SENATE BILL 474, TO CREATE A FUND OF \$100 MILLION  
24 WOULD BE AVAILABLE WHEN SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY MLK HARBOR.  
25 WHEN HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL HAD CLOSED THEIR SYSTEMS IN 2003,





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1 ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE A PRESERVATION FUND FOR  
2 NORTH COUNTY?

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4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I WAS NOT IN THE DEPARTMENT  
5 WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CLOSE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL. AND  
6 I THINK THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY HAVE BEEN -- I'M GUESSING, SINCE  
7 I WASN'T HERE. BUT MY PRESUMPTION IS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE  
8 SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT AT THE TIME. ALTHOUGH A LOSS OF SERVICE IN  
9 ANY COMMUNITY IS REALLY GRAVE. IT'S NOT LIKE THERE IS A  
10 SURFEIT OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN ANY PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT  
11 THIS POINT. SO I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHETHER A PRESERVATION FUND  
12 WAS CONSIDERED BY YOUR BOARD OR BY THE DEPARTMENT AT THAT  
13 TIME. BUT THERE CURRENTLY ISN'T ONE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THERE ARE NINE HOSPITALS SURROUNDING  
16 MLK. WHEREAS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, THERE WERE ONLY TWO  
17 SURROUNDING HIGH DESERT. SO THERE WAS A DISCONNECT AS TO THE  
18 NUMBER OF OPTIONS THAT THOSE PEOPLE HAVE HAD AND ARE HAVING.  
19 AND THAT TYPE OF RESOURCE, SIMILAR TYPE OF LEGISLATION OUGHT  
20 TO BE CONSIDERED. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS BURKE?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW LONG IS THE WAIT AT KING FOR URGENT CARE?

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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT WAIT, SUPERVISOR. I  
2   MEAN LIKE FOR ANY UNSCHEDULED ENVIRONMENT, WHETHER IT'S AN  
3   EMERGENCY ROOM OR AN URGENT CARE, IT EBBS AND FLOWS A BIT. SO  
4   EVEN WHEN WE PRESENT EMERGENCY ROOM DATA HERE FOR YOU, IT  
5   REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE. AND SOME PARTS OF THE DAY WILL BE  
6   BUSIER THAN OTHERS. BUT THE URGENT CARE IS THERE AND AVAILABLE  
7   ALL 16 HOURS A DAY AND IS SEEING PATIENTS.

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9   **SUP. BURKE:** AND WHAT ABOUT AT HARBOR? HOW LONG IS THE WAIT AT  
10   THE EMERGENCY ROOM?

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12   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T HAVE THAT DATA. I CAN  
13   CERTAINLY GET IT FOR YOU. THE WAITING TIMES AT HARBOR WERE  
14   SIGNIFICANT BEFORE THE CLOSURE OF KING AND THEY REMAIN  
15   SIGNIFICANT NOW. AGAIN, IT ALSO EBBS AND FLOWS BASED ON TIME  
16   OF DAY AND DAY OF WEEK, BUT IT CAN BE HOURS.

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18   **SUP. BURKE:** IS SOME OF IT 18 HOURS?

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20   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T HAVE THAT DATA WITH ME  
21   BUT I'D BE GLAD TO PROVIDE THAT IN A NEXT REPORT.

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND URGENT CARE AT HARBOR IS NOT OPEN ON  
24   WEEKENDS.

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1    **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** IF THERE ARE, IN FACT, 18-HOUR WAITS FOR EMERGENCY  
4    AT HARBOR, IT SEEMS TO ME URGENT CARE SHOULD BE OPEN ON  
5    WEEKENDS. WOULD YOU LOOK INTO THAT AND REPORT BACK TO US ON  
6    WHAT PLANS THERE ARE? AND I UNDERSTAND THERE WAS A STAFFING  
7    ISSUE. BUT WITH ALL OF THE STAFF THAT'S BEING TRANSFERRED ALL  
8    OVER THE COUNTY, IT SEEMS THAT THERE COULD BE MARSHALED ENOUGH  
9    STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT URGENT CARE COULD BE AVAILABLE ON  
10   WEEKENDS AT HARBOR.

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12   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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14   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

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16   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? MR. KNABE? MISS  
17   BURKE?

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19   **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN CAN WE EXPECT A REPORT BACK ON THAT?

20

21   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WELL, SUPERVISORS, WE WILL BE CONTINUING TO  
22   REPORT ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY, SO FOR NEXT WEEK?

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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** OUR GOAL WILL BE TO TRY TO ANSWER THOSE  
2   QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR BURKE, IN THE NEXT REPORT.

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4   **SUP. KNABE:** PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THIS URGENT CARE  
5   ISSUE.

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7   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I DON'T THINK WE WERE MADE AWARE OF THAT.

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11   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL TELL YOU FRANKLY I HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF IT  
12   BEFORE. I JUST FOUND OUT.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** YEP. SAME HERE. I THINK THOSE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT  
15   FOR US TO KNOW.

16

17   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

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19   **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, THE IMPACT, WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT  
20   THIS IMPACT, AND WE'RE ALL IMPACTED BY IT, PARTICULARLY  
21   SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MYSELF. BUT IT WOULD SURE BE NICE TO GET  
22   OUT AHEAD OF THIS INFORMATION.

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24   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR.

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1    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

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5    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER --

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9    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE HAVE-- I'M SORRY. WE HAD PUBLIC  
10 COMMENT ON ITEM 60? COULD YOU GIVE ME THE -- I HAVE IT. OKAY.  
11 DR. CLAVREUL AND MR. SACHS.

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13    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
14 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COMPARE  
15 THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS WITH LAST YEAR, HOW MANY PATIENTS WE  
16 ADMITTED LAST YEAR VERSUS, YOU KNOW, JUST NOW WE HAVE NO IDEA.  
17 ALSO, WHY 911 WAS CALLED TO TRANSFER A PATIENT FROM URGENT  
18 CARE? THEY SAID ONE OF THE PATIENTS HAD TO BE TRANSFERRED  
19 THROUGH A CALL INITIATED THROUGH 911. DON'T THEY HAVE A  
20 COMPETENT PHYSICIAN TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY AT THE URGENT CARE?  
21 AND THEY HAD TO CALL 911? YOU KNOW THAT QUESTION WAS PRETTY  
22 IMPORTANT TO RESPOND TO. AND LAST WEEK, IN THE L.A. TIMES,  
23 THERE WAS A VERY SMALL BLURB ABOUT DR. CHERNOF LOOKING TO  
24 BRING NURSES FROM SRI LANKA TO FILL YOUR NURSING SHORTAGE. I  
25 THINK IT'S LUDICROUS. I THINK IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT IT COSTS



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1 ABOUT \$20,000 PER NURSE BROUGHT FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND  
2 TWO-YEAR TIME TO BRING THAT FOREIGN NURSE HERE. I THINK  
3 \$20,000 IN TWO YEARS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO USE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
4 TO GET PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY TO GO TO NURSING SCHOOL, GET  
5 A DEGREE AND EARN A LIVING, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE IN SOUTH  
6 CENTRAL. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU MY LETTER TO THE  
7 EDITOR TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL WHO DEALS WITH IMMIGRANT  
8 NURSES AND HOW COME IT'S NOT A GOOD THING.

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNTY BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS. SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BUDGET, PLEASE, FOR  
14 MLK URGENT CARE CENTER. THE COUNTY FUNDING WAS APPROXIMATELY  
15 \$240 MILLION OF THE \$440 MILLION OPERATING BUDGET FOR MLK  
16 BEFORE THE FAILURE BY THE HOSPITAL. WHAT'S THE OPERATING  
17 BUDGET FOR THE MLK URGENT CARE CENTER NOW? AND IS THE FEDERAL  
18 GOVERNMENT BEING ASKED TO INCREASE ITS ALLOCATION TO THE OTHER  
19 COUNTY HOSPITALS, SPECIFICALLY HARBOR UCLA BECAUSE OF THEIR  
20 INCREASED PATIENT LOADS? AND THEN I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ABOUT  
21 DR. CHERNOF'S PART OF THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EMPLOYEE  
22 SKILLS. ISN'T THAT GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION IF THE EMPLOYEES  
23 AREN'T UP TO PAR WITH THEIR SKILLS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE  
24 JOB? AND ALSO, I'D LIKE TO KNOW THERE WAS A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF  
25 EMPLOYEES BUMPED FROM HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF TRANSFERS MADE DUE



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1 TO THE FACT THAT PEOPLE AT MLK MIGHT HAVE MORE SENIORITY WHEN  
2 THEY'RE OFFERED NEW POSITIONS. AND I'D LIKE TO AGAIN POINT OUT  
3 THAT DR. CHERNOF PRESENTED A PLAN BACK IN JUNE -- A SUMMARY OF  
4 A PLAN BACK FROM JUNE 12TH, WHERE HE MENTIONED THAT NO STAFF  
5 AREA OF THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN IGNORED. MLK HARBOR AND HARBOR  
6 CONDUCTED A DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF OUTSIDE-- OF EMPLOYEES.  
7 LAST WEEK THERE WERE 25 EMPLOYEES THAT HADN'T MET THEIR  
8 SATISFACTORY STANDARDS. THIS WEEK THERE ARE 15 STILL LEFT. HOW  
9 LONG IS THIS PROCESS GOING TO TAKE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ITEM 60 IS NOTE AND FILE.  
12 MIKE, ANY OTHERS?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. 38.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 38.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NATE VISWANATHAN? GOOD MORNING.

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22 **NATE VISWANATHAN:** LOOKS LIKE I'M ASKED GIVE A CLOSING ARGUMENT  
23 AS I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR A LONG TIME. [LAUGHTER.] THIS IS  
24 REGARDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AS IT AFFECTS THE FIRE CODE,  
25 FIRE SERVICES. REGRETFULLY, NOT COMPLIED WITH BY THE PUBLIC





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1 WORKS DEPARTMENT AND YOUR CEO BEFORE I BRING ANY MATTER TO THE  
2 COUNTY BOARD, LET ME MAKE MY UNDERSTANDING. I HAVE BEEN A PRO-  
3 COUNTY MAN WITHOUT SEEKING ANY PUBLICITY. BASED ON MY NEARLY  
4 HALF A CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE AS A CHIEF ENGINEER AND U.S. AND  
5 INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS MANAGER OPERATING FROM U.S. IN  
6 ADDITION TO HAVING HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE AS A LAWYER FOR 30  
7 YEARS. I TRIED TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY AS A UNIT WHICH CAN BE  
8 HELPED IN TIMES OF NEED. I TRIED TO GIVE IT WITHOUT SEEKING  
9 PUBLICITY. FOR EXAMPLE, MY FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR MAY KNOW  
10 ME BY NAME. I RESPECT HIM. I KNOW HIM FROM THE MID '70S, EVEN  
11 THOUGH I NEVER FELT THE NEED TO MEET HIM FACE-TO-FACE. COMING  
12 TO THE SUBJECT, MR. DON WOLFE, WHO RUNS THE PUBLIC WORKS  
13 DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN RECENTLY APPOINTED CEO. IN MY JUDGMENT  
14 NEEDS TO DO MORE IN THE EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY IN SPITE OF THE  
15 FACT THE JOB CAN BE DIFFICULT. WHERE ELSE ONE CAN HAVE A TITLE  
16 OF A CEO WITHOUT HAVING ANY DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE  
17 SHAREHOLDERS, IN OUR CASE, THE CITIZENS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. TODAY I HAVE TO BRING ONLY ONE ISSUE TO THE BOARD'S  
19 ATTENTION AS IT APPLIES TO THEIR MANAGERS. A COMMITMENT BY THE  
20 BOARD OR BY A SPECIFIC SUPERVISOR, AND MY WAY OF LOOKING AT IT  
21 IS THIS: THE EMPLOYEE MUST FEEL THAT MY EMPLOYER HAS MADE A  
22 COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ME AND I HAVE TO COMPLY IN  
23 EVERY ASPECT OF IT, TREATING IT AS AN INSTRUCTION. IF NOT, THE  
24 SYSTEM WILL FAIL AND IT WILL PUT THE COUNTY'S REPUTATION, AS  
25 WELL AS ITS FUNDS, AT RISK. THIS IS MORE SO IF THE COUNTY HAS



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1 PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF ITS WEAKNESS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OR  
2 DEPARTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, AND NOT RELATED HERE, ON THE  
3 CRIMINAL SIDE A PREMEDITATED CRIME IS FAR WORSE THAN A SPUR OF  
4 THE MOMENT ACT. ON THE CIVIL SIDE, PRIOR KNOWLEDGE LENDS  
5 ITSELF TO HIGHER DAMAGE CLAIMS. MY OBJECT IS TO HELP THE  
6 COUNTY. I DO NOT WANT TO HELP AN AMBULANCE CHASER KIND OF A  
7 PERSON TO OBTAIN THE RECORDS PUT THROUGH THIS PUBLIC ADDRESS  
8 SYSTEM. IF THE BOARD, THROUGH MY SUPERVISOR, MR. ANTONOVICH,  
9 ASKED FOR HELP, I'D BE TOO GLAD TO OFFER IT. IT IS  
10 COINCIDENTAL THAT I AM ABLE TO DO IT, BUT I AM DOING IT TODAY,  
11 OCTOBER 2ND, WHICH IS GHANDI'S BIRTHDAY. HE WAS ALSO AN  
12 ATTORNEY WHO LIVED AND GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY. AND ALSO  
13 MY COUNTRY OF MY BIRTH. GOD HELP AMERICA.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PAUL NOVAK WILL TALK TO YOU OVER ON THE SIDE  
18 HERE, MY DEPUTY. HE'LL TALK TO YOU OVER HERE? PAUL, MR. NOVAK  
19 OVER HERE. WHEN YOU LEAVE.

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21 **NATE VISWANATHAN:** I'LL BE GLAD TO.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ITEM 38 BEFORE US.  
2 MOVED, SECONDED BY BURKE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 22.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 22, WE'VE ALREADY CALLED UP.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ITEM NUMBER 49. MR. BAXTER? MR.  
9 BAXTER, GOOD MORNING.

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11 **PETER BAXTER:** OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE  
12 BOARD, MR. FUJIOKA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER  
13 BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. AS I UNDERSTAND THE  
14 GENERALLY ACCEPTED EXPLANATION FOR THE FAILURE OF THE NEW YORK  
15 FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PUT OUT THE FIRE IN THE TWIN TOWERS ON  
16 9/11, IT IS BECAUSE THE INTENSE HEAT OF THE BURNING AVIATION  
17 FUEL MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT THE FIRE OUT. SUCH A THEORY  
18 DENIES THE RESEARCH OF ANTOINE-LAURENT DE LAVOISIER, WHO  
19 DISCOVERED OXYGEN. WHEN LAVOISIER DISCOVERED OXYGEN, HE NAMED  
20 OXYGEN AS OXYGEN. LAVOISIER DISCOVERED THAT FIRE WAS  
21 ABSOLUTELY DEPENDENT ON OXYGEN. NO OXYGEN, NO FIRE. THE OTHER  
22 ITEMS LIKE HEAT HAVE QUALIFICATIONS TO THEM. BUT THERE ARE NO  
23 QUALIFICATIONS IN TERMS OF OXYGEN. THERE MUST BE OXYGEN OR  
24 THERE IS NO FIRE. ABSOLUTELY. ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY  
25 SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM IS MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
7 KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE ONLY THE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS  
12 AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE'S ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE'S ADJOURNMENTS.  
17 OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY OF PHYLLIS A. PAXTON, FORMER JWCH INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE  
21 DIRECTOR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 25TH. SHE SERVED ON THE  
22 MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT UCLA AND DEVELOPED AND  
23 IMPLEMENTED A RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM TO INCREASE  
24 THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR GRADUATING FROM UCLA IN  
25 NURSING. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND



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1 FRIENDS. AND MARY ANN JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST  
2 SIDE CENTER FOR THE INDEPENDENT LIVING. SHE WAS THE PAST  
3 PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION OF INDEPENDENT LIVING  
4 CENTERS AND WELL KNOWN FOR HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
5 DISABILITY COMMUNITY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST  
6 OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND PASTOR JAMES LEE BANKS, PASTOR OF  
7 SOUL DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST FOR OVER 40 YEARS,  
8 WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 25TH. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS  
9 MEMORY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING REMAINING.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LEFT.

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17 **CLERK SACHI A. HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO  
20 WANT TO BE HEARD ON PUBLIC COMMENT. BRENDA DICKY? TRICIA  
21 THAYER? JANA BICKHAM AND DION BICKHAM.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS DICKEY, IS THAT YOU?

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1   **BRENDA DICKEY:** I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WAITING SINCE  
2   2002 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PAY ME AND MY HUSBAND  
3   BACK FOR DOING FOSTER CARE FOR SIX YEARS AND FOR FOUR YEARS  
4   FOR A FAMILY WHO HAS PAPER SKIN, EDS. JANET NEAL, THAT GUY WAS  
5   JUST TALKING ABOUT, FOR DISABILITY, I TOOK NURSING. ME AND MY  
6   HUSBAND WOULD HAVE TO STITCH THEM OURSELVES. WE USED  
7   BUTTERFLY. BUT WE WANT TO GET PAID BACK. WE HAVEN'T BEEN PAID.  
8   I HAVE A LETTER HERE THAT SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO PAY US BACK.  
9   AND THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO IT IN 2002, THEY NEVER DID. OKAY,  
10   IT WAS FROM AN INVESTIGATOR AND A COUNTY SOCIAL WORKER. THEN  
11   WE WENT IN FARTHER. AFTER FOUR YEARS, HE FOUND THAT THERE WAS  
12   CRIMINAL ACTION INVOLVED AND HE GAVE ME ALL THE PAPERWORK THAT  
13   I NEEDED TO HAVE. RIGHT HERE IS SOMETHING THAT I'D LIKE TO  
14   GIVE HIM. THAT SHOWS THAT THEY DO OWE US MONEY. THAT THEY ARE  
15   ON F RATE 4 BENEFITS, THE VERY LAST PAGE, BECAUSE IT'S A LIFE-  
16   THREATENING SYNDROME. MEANING IT'S EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME. THE  
17   ONE LITTLE BOY WAS IN -- THEY TRANSFERRED THEM TO SAN  
18   BERNADINO COUNTY AND THEN TOOK HIM OFF RECORD. AND THEY ENDED  
19   UP BLINDING HIM. THEY DID NOT TAKE CARE OF CATARACTS. HE WAS  
20   ALREADY LEGALLY BLIND, AND THEY BLINDED HIM BY-- ONE OF THE  
21   ADVOCATES FOR THE COURT, AND THE SCHOOL, THEY WERE THE ONES  
22   THAT WERE TAKING CARE OF HIS SCHOOLING AND ALSO FOR HIS  
23   MEDICAL. AND THEY DIDN'T DO IT. AND THEY DIDN'T GET IT DONE IN  
24   TIME AND HE WENT COMPLETELY BLIND. AND NOW HE'S BLIND, PERIOD.  
25   AND WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK. WE'VE BEEN PAYING AND SUPPORTING



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1 THESE KIDS. ONE, ROBERT, THAT WAS-- WHEREVER HE WENT, FOR SOME  
2 TIME. NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER YOUNG GIRL THAT'S 18 WITH US THAT  
3 HAS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, WE JUST GOT IT YESTERDAY.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE  
6 DEPARTMENT HERE? OKAY, PERHAPS THIS GENTLEMAN WILL SPEAK WITH  
7 YOU ON THE SIDE. ALL THREE, ALL OF YOU HERE ON THE SAME ITEM?  
8 ALL HERE FOR THE SAME REASON? OR ARE YOU HERE ALONE? ARE THESE  
9 FOLKS WITH YOU? SHE'S HERE ALONE. THE GENTLEMAN BACK THERE  
10 WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THAT AND GET THE INFORMATION, ALL  
11 RIGHT? THANK YOU.

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13 **BRENDA DICKY:** WE KEEP GOING THROUGH THIS, AND THEY JUST KEEP  
14 PUTTING US BACK AND FORTH FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF  
17 IT. THAT'S WHAT HE'S THERE FOR. ALL RIGHT, NEXT IS PATRICIA  
18 THAYER.

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20 **BRENDA DICKEY:** IT'S FROM THE VAN NUYS OFFICE, AND THERE'S--

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS DICKY, THIS GENTLEMAN IS GOING TO  
23 TRY TO HELP YOU. SO THE SOONER YOU GET THERE, THE SOONER WE  
24 CAN HELP YOU. MISS THAYER?

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1   **PATRICIA THAYER:** YES, I'M HERE. GOOD AFTERNOON. SO I KNOW I'VE  
2   BEEN HERE BEFORE ABOUT THE SAME ISSUE. BUT IT NEVER GOES AWAY.  
3   SO I'M LAUGHING BECAUSE IT'S SO LUDICROUS. I'M BASICALLY HERE  
4   -- WELL I'M ACTUALLY HERE FOR MY CHILDREN. I'M HERE FOR ONE  
5   REASON, BECAUSE I'M A MOTHER. AND I'M HERE FOR MY CHILDREN.  
6   AND I'M HERE FOR THE TRUTH. BUT SPEAKING OF GREAT  
7   GRANDFATHERS, MY GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS CONSIDERED THE FATHER  
8   OF TRUTH. SO ANYWAY, BUT BECAUSE MY CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN AN  
9   ABUSIVE ENVIRONMENT. ON JUNE 14TH, AS I STATED, TATIANA CLARK  
10  HAD HER HEAD BEATEN TO THE FLOOR FOUR TIMES. NOW, IF NOBODY  
11  WANTS TO BELIEVE ME, YOU KNOW, THAT'S FINE. BUT THAT'S WHAT MY  
12  CHILDREN ARE TELLING ME. IF SOMEHOW IT GETS MISCOMMUNICATED  
13  BETWEEN THAT AND THE OFFICE IN PASADENA, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU  
14  GUYS KEEP HEARING REPORTS THAT "OH MY CHILDREN ARE NOT  
15  REPORTING AN ABUSE" NUMBER ONE, THAT'S NOT TRUE. NUMBER TWO  
16  REGINALD, CARTER STATED TO ME ON THE PHONE WHEN THIS ALL FIRST  
17  STARTED THAT HE ADMITTED THAT MY CHILDREN WERE REPORTING ABUSE  
18  BUT THAT TATIANA AND JALESE WERE NOT. BUT THEN HE CHANGED HIS  
19  STORY, LIKE I TOLD YOU. AND I HAD TO TELL HIM, I HAD HIM ON  
20  TAPE RECORDING TO GET HIM TO TELL THE TRUTH. NUMBER TWO, WHEN  
21  THE SOCIAL WORKER FINALLY WENT OUT SIX WEEKS LATER AFTER THIS  
22  WAS FIRST REPORTED, SIX WEEKS LATER, THE SOCIAL WORKER GOES  
23  OUT. HE DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER TO ASK MY CHILDREN IF THEY'RE  
24  BEING ABUSED. SO HE COMES BACK AND SITS IN FRONT OF HIS  
25  SUPERVISOR, IN FRONT OF ME AND SAYS "OH, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO



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1 ABUSE. THE CHILDREN ARE REPORTING ABSOLUTELY NO ABUSE AT ALL."  
2 WELL, HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO ASK. AND THEN THE SUPERVISOR  
3 WENT OUT. AND MY DAUGHTER TOLD HER THAT YES, SHE HAD WRITTEN  
4 TATIANA GETTING BEATEN FOR FIVE YEARS AND MISS GRIDER SAID  
5 "FINE, THEN, I'LL GO BACK AND TELL YOUR MOTHER THAT YOU HAVE  
6 NOT AND MAYBE SHE'LL FINALLY BELIEVE ME." AND DOROTHY JUST  
7 THOUGHT SHE WAS STUPID. SO THERE'S SOME KIND OF PROBLEM IN THE  
8 INVESTIGATION. BUT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT I AM A  
9 LIAR. THERE'S SOME KIND OF PROBLEM EITHER WITH THE  
10 INVESTIGATOR, JOHN SANDERSON, OR WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. WHICH  
13 ONE OF YOU, YOU'RE BOTH TOGETHER, RIGHT? WHO WANTS TO GO  
14 FIRST? MR. BICKHAM?

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16 **DION BICKHAM:** YES.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING.

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20 **DION BICKHAM:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS  
21 DION BICKHAM, AND I AM AN ABSOLUTELY LIVID PARENT RIGHT NOW.  
22 I'VE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
23 SERVICES. FOR SOME REASON ON FRIDAY EVENING -- WELL, I'M  
24 SORRY, SATURDAY EVENING, THEY DECIDED TO GO TO MY EX-WIFE'S  
25 HOUSE AND BASED UPON AN ACCUSATION BY HER, THEY REMOVED MY



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1 CHILDREN. I HAVE NOT SEEN MY CHILDREN SINCE I DROPPED THEM OFF  
2 AT THEIR MOTHER'S ON FRIDAY, ON FRIDAY NIGHT. I'VE BEEN TRYING  
3 TO GET IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE FROM THAT DEPARTMENT ALL DAY  
4 SUNDAY. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CALL BACK. I TALKED TO SEVERAL  
5 PEOPLE, DECLARING THAT THEY WERE NOT ON THE CASE BUT THEY WERE  
6 SUPERVISORS. I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PHONE CALL BACK. I  
7 GOT ONE PHONE CALL FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER ON THE CASE. THAT  
8 WAS MONDAY. TWO DAYS AFTER THE SITUATION OCCURRED. I'M  
9 ABSOLUTELY FURIOUS BY THIS. THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT CAN  
10 BE DONE ABOUT THIS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I HAVE NOT SEEN MY  
11 CHILDREN ALL WEEKEND. I HAVE NOT SLEPT SINCE I FOUND OUT THEY  
12 WERE TAKEN AWAY. THEY ARE IN A FOSTER HOME. I WAS NOT  
13 CONTACTED. IF THIS IS THE POLICY, THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE. THIS  
14 IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. I AM THE CUSTODIAL PARENT. I WENT  
15 THROUGH MONTHS OF GETTING A COURT ORDER. I HAD TO DO A 3130  
16 BECAUSE MY EX-WIFE FLED WITH THE CHILDREN. I HAD TO GO MONTHS  
17 BEFORE I WAS EVEN ABLE TO GET THEM. I HAD TO GO TO THE D.A.,  
18 THE D.A.'S CHILD LOCATER SERVICE JUST TO BE ABLE TO SEE MY  
19 CHILDREN AGAIN. AND NOW THIS HAPPENS. I WAS BASICALLY ACCUSED  
20 OF SOMETHING, I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. NO  
21 ONE'S TELLING ME ANYTHING. AND I'M JUST FRUSTRATED. AND I'M  
22 SORRY IT'S COME TO THE POINT WHERE I HAVE TO COME HERE BEFORE  
23 THIS ESTABLISHED BOARD AND VENT LIKE THIS AND TELL YOU ALL  
24 THIS, BUT I MEAN SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE. I MEAN I AM SO  
25 FRUSTRATED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW. AND I DON'T KNOW



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1 IF IT'S BECAUSE MAYBE I'M THE FATHER, SO I'M NOT SEEN AS A  
2 FULL PARENT OR WHATEVER, BUT I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THESE  
3 CHILDREN BY MYSELF FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. JUST ME. BY MYSELF.  
4 AND THIS IS SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE HERE AND I JUST NEED  
5 HELP.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE WILL HAVE THE SAME GENTLEMAN  
8 WHO IS HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
9 SERVICES TALK TO YOU RIGHT HERE. AND LET'S GET THE INFORMATION  
10 FROM YOU AND AT LEAST GET YOU SOME ANSWERS TO WHAT THE  
11 SITUATION IS. YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD IT--

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

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15 **DION BICHAM:** IN THE ACTON AREA OF LOS ANGELES.

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOUR WIFE LIVED WHERE?

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19 **DION BICHAM:** SHE LIVES IN THE SAME AREA.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO WILL BE ALSO  
22 TALKING TO YOU.

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24 **DION BICHAM:** THANK YOU.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK, ALSO?

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3 **JANA BICKHAM:** BASICALLY, CONCERN WAS THAT THE CHILDREN WERE  
4 TAKEN FROM THEIR HOME SATURDAY NIGHT. HE WAS NOT NOTIFIED.  
5 WHEN WE FINALLY DID GET A CALL FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER --

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NOW WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP?

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9 **JANA BICKHAM:** I'M HIS FIANCE. WHEN WE DID GET THE CALL FROM  
10 THE SOCIAL WORKER ON MONDAY MORNING OR NOON, SHE STATED THAT  
11 SHE LEFT THE CONTACT INFORMATION WITH HIS EX-WIFE. THE WOMAN  
12 WHO CALLED SOCIAL SERVICES AND IS ACCUSING HIM OF THIS CRIME.  
13 I KNOW THAT CANNOT BE POLICY AND PROCEDURE TO LEAVE CONTACT  
14 INFORMATION WITH AN ACCUSER FOR THE ACCUSED. WE'RE ALSO  
15 CONCERNED THAT WHAT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DO WE HAVE?  
16 DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SOCIAL SERVICES  
17 HAVE A PAMPHLET OR SOME TYPE OF WRITTEN STATEMENT LETTING US  
18 KNOW WHAT OUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE UNDER SITUATIONS  
19 LIKE THIS? I MEAN, SHE DID NOT NOTIFY HIM. SHE DID NOT CALL  
20 HIM UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. AND THESE CHILDREN WERE REPLACED  
21 FROM THE HOME SATURDAY NIGHT. THAT IS UNCALLED FOR. THAT IS  
22 UNHEARD OF. THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE WILL TRY TO GET YOU SOME  
25 INFORMATION. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE CLOSED SESSION?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
4 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,  
5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION;  
6 ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, WILLIAM  
7 T FUJIOKA, DR. BRUCE A. CHERNOF AND HAMMES COMPANY. AND ITEM  
8 CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
9 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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